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KOWLOON EVICTION SUCCEEDS

Only Two Attempts At Interference

Palestine Hotel Tragedy

Jerusalem, Jan. 5. Twenty persons were killed, including the Spanish Vice-Consul, Manuel Alonzo Salazar, when Jewish underground fighters blew up the Semiramis Villa Hotel in the Modern Katamno quarters of Jerusalem today.

Three bodies were recovered from the debris and 17 are still buried under tons of masonry as British Royal Engineers, working with bulldozers and acetylene torches, probed the wreckage of the three-store building.

The police believed the explosives were planted at the side of the hotel and detonated by a hand grenade thrown from a speeding car at about 1 a.m.

The dead included six members of the Lazarus Christian Arab family, the father, mother, son, daughter and two cousins. One son survived with minor injuries.

Rescuers working throughout the night were handicapped by torrential rains and high winds. Heavy shooting followed the explosion and the body of an Arab was found killed by a bullet near the hotel.

Semiramis is located 200 yards from the gate to the British security zone "B" and in the neighborhood where four Arab houses were bombed last week.

There was no indication which Jewish organization carried out the bombing. The Spanish consul was a 29-year-old bachelor and a kinsman of Viscount de Tapia and the Duke of Alba.—United Press.

Student's Body Found In Playground

Early yesterday morning the dead body of a student-boarder at the St. Paul's College (McDonald Road) was found in the basketball playground.

Deceased was identified as Shun Hon-hung, an overseas Chinese from America, who joined the college last year.

Police, saying that there was "no foul play," suspected that the 21-year-old boy had fallen from the 20-foot wall bordering the playground.

QUEEN OF GREECE WILL VISIT "FRONT LINE"

Athens, Jan. 4. Queen Friderika, of Greece, landed today at Prevora, on the east coast of Greece, from a destroyer and was expected later today at Yawnina, capital of Epirus, on her way to Konitza, battle area of northern Greece, the Athens news agency reported.

Greek troops in the area were today still attacking the guerrillas, who failed to take Konitza, near the Albanian frontier, last week, the agency said.

Supported by aircraft, which attacked guerrilla batteries shelling the town yesterday, they were enlarging the perimeter they held round the town.

George Stratos, Greek War Minister, told reporters in Salonika that foreign staff officers directed the attack on Konitza.

The report of the inquiry team of the United Nations Balkan Commission, which visited the fighting area, will be placed before the sub-committee.

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Hut Owners Pull Down Own Dwellings

Except for two attempts at interference by two men, the eviction order against more than 1,000 unauthorised occupiers of Crown Land within the old walled Kowloon City was carried out yesterday under the supervision of 250 Police by some 40 PWD coolies.

One of the leaders of the "Po On Kowloon City Residents Association" allegedly attempted to snatch the revolver of Mr. H. W. E. Heath, (Commanding Police Officer for Kowloon and New Territories).

Another allegedly attempted to hurl stone at the Police. Both were seen in time and were arrested.

The only mishap during the day's eviction of the illegal residents and demolishing of structures occurred when one of the PWD coolies — 47-year-old Ching Sin — fell from the upper floor of a wooden structure.

He was sent to Kowloon Hospital.

Prevented Damage

Realising that the Government meant business, the majority of the people affected by the eviction order dismantled their own structures to save the material and prevent damage to their personal property.

By 5 p.m. yesterday, more than 20 of the 54 structures were dismantled and removed. The work will continue today under the supervision of the Police.

The first to attempt any resistance was the Vice-chairman of the so-called "Kowloon City Residents Association", Lau Ngai-fai.

When the Police party, headed by Acting Police Commissioner W. J. B. Sparrow and Mr. H. W. E. Heath reached the first row of illegal sheds, Lau allegedly tried to pick up stones to hurl at the Police.

He was promptly grabbed by Chief Inspector Simpson and Sub-Inspector MacDonald (both of Kowloon City Police Station) and marched off to the Police van.

Chu Pui-long, Chairman of the Association, attempted to assist his henchman but was held by Mr. Heath.

He allegedly made a grab at the Commanding Officer's revolver. Det. Inspector Siu Chung-yin, standing nearby, applied his riot-truncheon to Chu's knuckles.

Chu was handcuffed on the spot and escorted by two detectives to the Police van.

Shouts

Both the leaders of the resistance movement shouted abuses and defiance at the Police and called upon their compatriots to "stand up for the rights of the Chinese Republic."

Their "rallying cries," like those made before the arrival of the Police and demolition squad fell upon deaf ears.

After the exceedingly brief "skirmish," Mr. Heath and C. I. Simpson made the round of the sheds calling upon the tenants to remove all their furniture and personal belongings.

This was completed by 7.10 a.m., and within five minutes the first shed was "invaded" by Land Bailiff S. A. Fowler and a number of coolies recruited by the P.W.D.

By 9 a.m. only foot-high stone walls marked the sites where the four illegal sheds had been. Piles of planks and wooden poles and heaps of stone blocks were all that remained of the wooden structures which, up to early Sunday morning, housed four weaving factories.

Dawn Scene

When the "China Mail" reporter arrived outside the Police Station at 5.45 a.m., approximately ten Police vehicles and two ambulances were parked along Boundary Street.

Standing in front of the gates were Commanding Officer Heath, Div-Supts. Charles Mottram (Kowloon City) and George Leys (Yau-mat), Chief Inspectors J. F. Clarke, F. T. Fortallion and Simpson, Det-Inspectors Siu Chung-yin and Fung, and Det-Sgt. The Ying.

Inside the Station compound were a "battalion" of steel-helmeted constables carrying their gas-masks, riot batons and wicker shields.

At 6.15 a.m. the gathered vehicles were added to by two truckloads of Kowloon Emergency Unit personnel under the command of Sub-Inspector Wall.

Within five minutes of the arrival of the P.W.D. lorries (with about forty coolies) at 6.40 a.m. the Police party, numbering approximately 250 strong, boarded their vehicles.

Final orders were given by Acting Police Commissioner Sparrow, who was accompanied by Mr. L.H.C. Calthrop, DCP, and the "invasion" began at 7 a.m. sharp. The point of attack was the South Gate of Kowloon City.

The Police, led by a Kowloon City contingent, marched a single file, with the E.U. members carrying "Dispersal or we fire" and "Tear Gas" notices boards.

Many of the inhabitants, approached by the "China Mail" in the afternoon, stated that they have found alternative accommodation, further east, at \$110 per month rental, payable in advance.

Others stated that they have been offered land, smaller than those they had occupied, for \$80 per month with \$200 deposit.

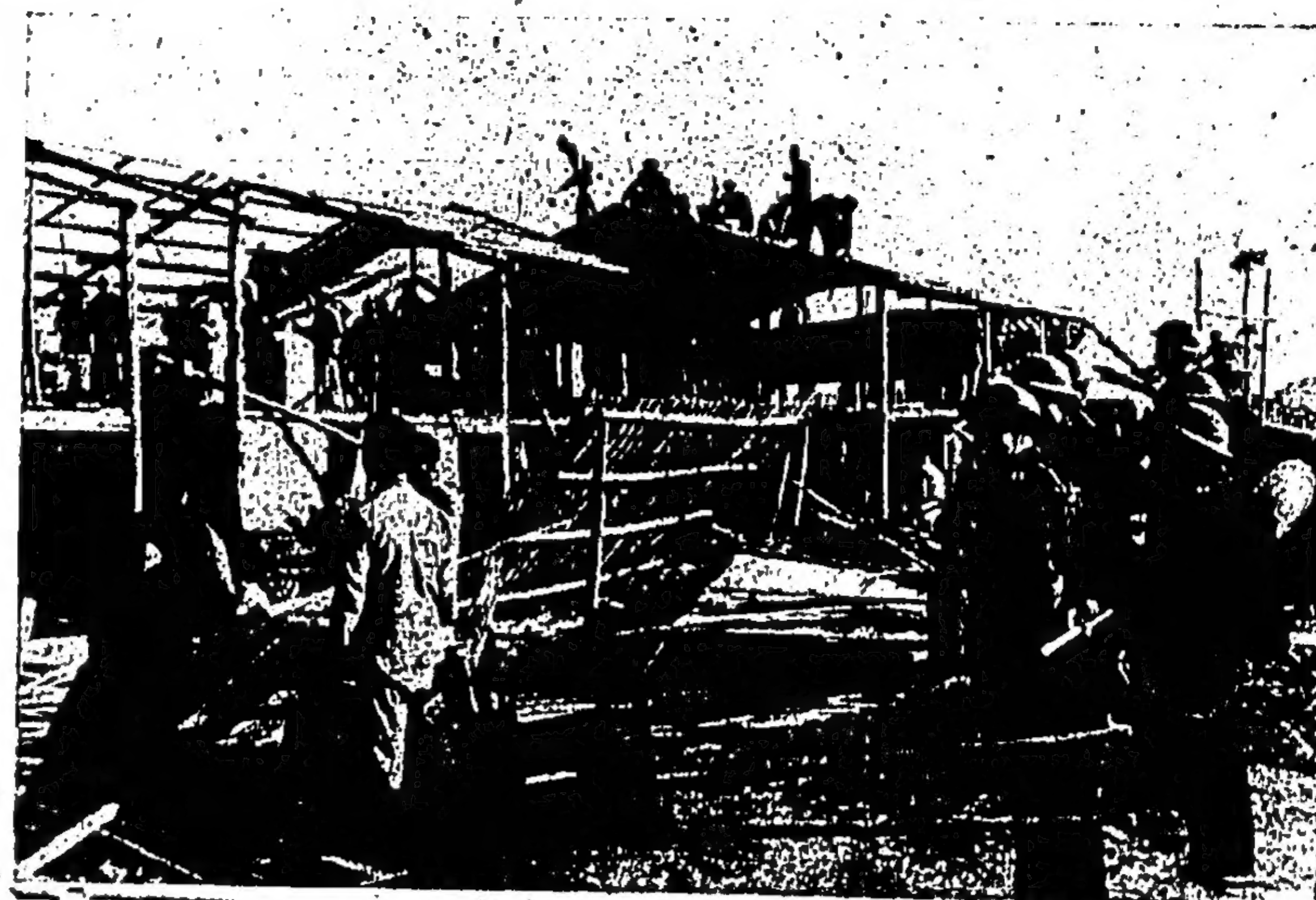


Photo shows a gang of coolies engaged in the task of demolishing some of the illegal sheds at Kowloon Walled City yesterday.

Army Sets Alsatian Dog Watch

Headquarters, Land Forces, announces that a number of Alsatian watch dogs will be arriving in Hong Kong in mid January and will be used inside the Military stores area at Shamshuipo, Kowloon.

These animals have proved highly successful in Burma against thieves breaking into protected areas.

They are handled by British soldiers and are kept on a leash until they pick up a scent or hear anyone moving inside their beat.

On being released they attack the would-be thief inside their down until called off by the handler.

Thieves cutting holes in the perimeter fencing will expose themselves to be attacked by these animals, which, if necessary, follow them out through the hole until caught or called off.

Shanghai Prices Take A Rapid Swoop Up

Shanghai, Jan. 5. All prices soared today as the commodity stock markets reopened after a five-day New Year holiday with the retail price of rice setting a new high of CN\$1,400,000 for one picul (approximately 100 pounds).

The U.S. dollar black market rate touched the day's high of

Mayor's Urgent Appeal

Shanghai, Jan. 5. An urgent appeal to Premier Chang Chun to take drastic steps to halt the runaway prices of rice was sent today by the Mayor of Shanghai, Mr. K. C. Wu.

Wu asked the Premier to order Governor Wang Mu-kung of Kiangsu province, chief producing area in this part of China, to suppress the soaring costs of cereals.

Wu also sent a message to the Ministry of Food urging immediate stoppage of rice purchase in various other producing areas throughout the country through cooperation with the Farmers Bank of China.

Wu believed that the halting of purchases temporarily will halt the upward spiral which since Jan. 2 has resulted in an increase of CN\$400,000 per picul of white rice in Nantao and 'Chapel' markets. The wholesale price per picul on Saturday averaged CN\$1,250,000.—United Press.

Eviction Background

A Flash Of Yesterday's Early Morning Moments

Chinese Reds Drive On Across Yangtze

Nanking, Jan. 5. Large Communist forces have crossed the upper reaches of the Yangtse River near Lui Yieh-chow, a town 23 miles west of the port of Shanghai, 125 miles west of Hankow, according to pro-Government dispatches reaching Nanking today.

The reports expressed the belief that the Communists might attempt to penetrate into Hunan Province as large Red shipping concentrations have been seen in upper Yangtze.

Meanwhile, Communist General Liu Po-chang is reported to be ready to launch diversionary attacks in various parts of Hupeh, while his main force, encircled in the Tapheshan mountain range on the border of Honan, Anhwei and Hupeh provinces, attempts a breakout.

In central Hupeh, the situation around Peking, the provincial capital, has eased considerably as a result of Government troops' success in clearing the Paoing-Peiping railway.

Astride

The Communists astride this section fled to the west when caught in a pincer movement by a Nationalist column pushing down the line from Peiping and another moving up from the Paoing area.

In Manchuria, they have intensified their mopping up operations with the advent of milder weather. For the first time in over two months, the temperature in Mukden today rose above freezing point to the joy of its fuel-short 500,000 inhabitants.

The present lull on the Manchuria front, however, is expected to be short-lived. According to usually reliable Chinese sources reaching Shanghai, considerable Communist troops movements, are in progress in several sectors, notably around Changchun and on both sides of the Peiping-Mukden railway in southwestern Manchuria.

It is believed that in the next phase of their offensive, the Communists might launch an all-out effort to take Changchun, whose garrison consists mostly of the American trained and American equipped New First Army.

Chiang Speaks

Meanwhile, in Nanking, Chiang Kai-shek declared that the Kuomintang is in no danger of foundering and the present government is quite safe in spite of all predictions to the contrary.

Speaking at the weekly Kuomintang memorial service, President Chiang called on Party members to work harder for unity and to refrain from heeding Communist propaganda.

"The achievements of the Kuomintang during the past year clearly show the strength of the Party but we cannot afford to relax or deviate from our set course, which has achieved so much for the well-being of China," he added.—Reuter-AAP.

Turning, the New Year holidays, a large quantity of 5,000 Customs gold unit denomination notes, each CN\$200,000, appeared in the market, causing a sharp upward effect, especially in the price of rice.—United Press.

London, Jan. 5. William Gethard, 37, of Hull, jumped into a water tank after being enveloped in red-hot coke when the door of a generator opened at the British Coalfield Company, Hull.—Reuter.

Democratic League Hits At Chiang

The Central Executive Committee of the China Democratic League, which was declared illegal by a Chinese Central Government spokesman in November last, yesterday decided to re-establish the League's headquarters in Hong Kong.

At yesterday's opening meeting of the League's Third Plenary Session, the more than 50 participating members strongly denounced the Nanking Government's "unreasonable and fanatic" illegalisation of the League.

Under the Chairmanship of members on November 5, 1947) without it being legally passed by the League.

"Acting according to the League's Constitution, we are meeting here in Hong Kong to re-establish our Headquarters and to decide on new policies for the future."

"We take this opportunity to declare the following: 'The China Democratic League, representing the will of the masses, has since its foundation, been fighting courageously for China's democracy, peace, independence and unity.'

"The Nanking Dictatorial Government by destroying the PCC (Political Consultative Council) resolution, by convoking the 'National Assembly,' by adopting the so-called 'Constitutional Laws,' by insisting on waging civil war, and by selling the interests of the nation, has become the Public Enemy of the masses and the tool of American reactionary cliques."

"In the eyes of the masses, the Nanking Government has lost the right to represent the nation."

"With the support of tens of thousands of League members in the country and overseas, we are determined to stand more firmly than ever and to fight to the end to bring about the thorough destruction of the Nanking regime and to realise democracy, peace, independence and unity in China."—Associated Press.

Dictatorial

"This action on the part of the Nanking Government shows up clearly the dictatorial nature of the said government and provides an example of how the Nanking Government breaks the law and how a dictator imposes his own personal will."

"We, on behalf of all League members, hereby declare that we cannot accept the dissolution announcement made under coercion by some members on the Standing Committee of the China Democratic League (who rendered their resignations and closed down the League Headquarters in Shanghai and halted the activities of all League members, on November 5, 1947)."

Fire Ravages Saigon Rubber Stocks

Paris, Jan. 5. Unofficial sources estimated that 200 tons of rubber were destroyed in the great fire at the docks at Saigon (French Indo-China) an Agence France Presse dispatch said today. The dispatch added that the fire had been mastered. —Reuter.

MICHAEL WILL ISSUE A STATEMENT TODAY

Lausanne, Jan. 5. Ex-King Michael of Rumania will issue an official statement on his abdication and future plans at Lausanne tomorrow, says Reuter.

When the exile train of ex-King Michael arrived at the Swiss frontier, the former monarch remained behind drawn curtains and refused to descend to accept a telephone call from Princess Ann of Bourbon-Parma who he plans to marry.

Officials at the Austrian frontier station of Feldkirch, just over the border said the Princess called early today and asked if Michael's eight-car train had arrived and if she could speak to him.

Refusal

They said Michael refused to leave the car where the windows were closed and curtains drawn and said he would call her in Copenhagen as soon as he arrives at Lausanne.

In Copenhagen Princess Anne of Bourbon-Parma said today that she was extremely happy to have received the message from ex-King Michael that he would telephone her from Switzerland.

"In a day or two Princess Anne would be ready to go to Lausanne," Anne's mother, Princess Margrethe, told the United Press. "All preparations for a possible wedding will be discussed there first." Sources close to the Bourbon-Parma family revealed that no invitations for the wedding between Michael and Anne have been made here and that no details are known. No preparations will be made before the engagement, officially has been declared, it was pointed out.—United Press.

The Weather

Pressure is rising behind a trough which is moving southeast across north China and the Sea of Japan. An anticyclone is centred south-east of Japan. Pressure remains low over Equatorial regions. Forecast: Wind: light and variable in short moderate north-east with offshore, fine and hazy. Temperature: 10 to 15°C. Humidity: 65 to 75%. Sunshine: 5 to 6 hours. Rainfall: Nil. Total cloud: 3 to 40%. Sea: against an average of 3 to 4 m. 5 to 10 m. Direction: 10 to 15 m. Force: 1 to 2 m. Direction: 10 to 15 m. Force: 1 to 2 m. Direction: 10 to 15 m. Force: 1 to 2 m.

CHURCH JOURNAL HAS A WORD ON PREMIUM BONDS

What A Cigarette Can Do

A cigarette can be more than just a puff of nicotine. Mrs. Keating of the Warrant Officers' Quarters, Victoria Barracks, was walking in Kennedy Road last night at about 7.30 when an 18-year-old Chinese snatched her hand-bag.

Without ado, the enraged lady thrust her lit cigarette on the snatcher's face.

Letting go the handbag, the teenager ran away.

Police inquiries are being carried on.

British Girl To Marry A Sweeper

New Delhi, Jan. 5.

A young European girl has fallen in love with a handsome sweeper, or untouchable, in Jubulpore, Southern India, and has decided to marry him and live with him, sharing in his work, relates the Indian News Chronicle of New Delhi.

The newspaper, which did not identify either, remarked that although marriages between Indians and Europeans were not uncommon, "perhaps this is the first instance where romance has led a young girl of the kind described to a humble home where she would be sharing the joys and sorrows of her lowly husband."

Sweepers customarily perform only the most menial tasks, although it is not unusual for them to receive excellent educations. Some have been particularly successful both in politics and the professions and there are untouchables who are Ministers in both the India and Pakistan Governments.—Associated Press.

FOOD FIGURES

| Food and Fuel costs for the week ending Jan. 3— | catties |
|---|--------------|
| Rice & Flour | 7.2 \$4,5400 |
| Vegetables | 1.9 1,0070 |
| Salt Cabbage | 2 3,2800 |
| Oil | 2 1,7220 |
| Tea | 2 3,6000 |
| Salt Fish | 2 3,6830 |
| Fish | 4 9,1200 |
| Pork | 3 7,6800 |
| Bread | 10.0 1,1000 |
| Firewood | 10.0 1,1000 |
| Total | 12,7330 |

RED LEADER ATTACKS THE VATICAN

Milan, Jan. 4.

The Italian Communist boss, Palmiro Togliatti, today denounced the United States and the Vatican as the world's biggest warmongers, in a six-hour speech at the opening session of Italy's Sixth Communist Congress here.

"The danger of war is the consequence of expansion and programme of world domination by an imperialistic power," Togliatti said. "This is the kind of process going on now in the United States."

"But there is another power, the Vatican, which, while conducting on the one side a campaign for peace in general terms that delude the people, on the other side lines up with the imperialistic powers any time the international situation worsens."

"This is the first time Togliatti has publicly attacked the Roman Catholic Church as a warmonger, a favourite Communist word."

"Last autumn, while the world situation was worsening rapidly, the official Vatican organ wrote an article condemning war. A few weeks after, when international relations reached the point of greatest tension, the Pontiff not only welcomed the message of the United States President but an-

Reminders

Today

Rotary Club, Closed Meeting, H.K. Hotel, 12.30 p.m.-12.35 p.m.

Urban Council meeting, G.P.O. Building, 4.15 p.m.

Kowloon Union Church Women's Guild meeting, 10 a.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

H.K. Football League Management Committee meeting, Association Office, 6.15 p.m.

THURSDAY

Chinese Postal & Cable Censors (Open) at New Town Recreation Club, Kowloon, 7 p.m.

City Club, 7 p.m.

The Government's hint that premium bonds may be sponsored in the Colony, as a means of raising the large subscription envisaged in the Rehabilitation Loan Bill, is the subject of two comments in the latest issue of "St. John's Review," the Cathedral publication.

In this matter, it may be mentioned that the public subscription list to the first issue of a straight-out loan, on a 3½ per cent. interest basis, has proved distinctly disappointing.

One of the comments in "St. John's Review" over the initials G.S. says:

"The Honourable Mr. M. M. Watson's recent opposition to Government lotteries is timely and public-spirited. It behoves all Christians to back up his opposition to this short-sighted attempt to add to the Colony's revenue. It is short-sighted because in the long run the deterioration in character resulting from extension of the habit of speculation will cause an increase in crime. And this will mean a larger allocation for the Police Force (already a big item in our budget). It is a vicious circle which can only be broken by securing a more public-spirited community. And public-spirited communities cannot be obtained (least of all in Hong Kong) by encouraging the population to adopt get-rich-quick methods. History has shown that resort to immoral practices is a prelude to decline."

"Further, Hong Kong's vulnerable position should warn us to be as blameless as Caesar's wife. We should give no easy grounds for criticism. Mr. Watson's stand against lotteries shows that those who guide the Colony's destinies are keenly alive to the long-term damage that will result from short-term benefits."

Gambling Spirit

The other signed by P.S.C., easily identified as Mr. P.S. Cassidy, is in the following terms:

"Premium Bonds are associated in my mind with the nefarious campaign which landed Horatio Bottomley in goal. I find it difficult, therefore, to respond to the Financial Secretary's invitation for an expression of views on the subject without showing partiality. But Mr. Watson was quite right in pointing out that Premium Bonds are in the nature of a lottery, and that it has been the consistent policy of successive British Administrations to avoid the sponsorship of lotteries in any shape or form."

Principle

"It seems to me that the Hong Kong Government is paying little regard to principle. The revenue of the Colony is insufficient to meet necessary expenditure for some years to come, and quite properly of Authorities decide to raise a loan. That is a matter of business, and like any other commodity, money has its price. If interest at 3½ per cent. may not attract sufficient funds (and I should have thought the rate should be good enough), then the rate should be raised. But to dangle before the public a bond which might be repaid (perhaps at hundreds of times its face value) smacks uncommonly of the patten of the confidence trickster."

"As President Coolidge tersely remarked, when asked his views on 'sin,' I am against it."

Whalers Clash Over Kill

Capetown, Jan. 5.

The South African warship Transvaal has suddenly left here under sealed orders and headed towards the Antarctic where it is believed a serious clash over the ownership of killed whales has broken out between two or three fleets in 17 expeditions representing Britain, Russia, Japan, South Africa, Holland and Norway.

Orders to put to sea were given by the Commander of the South African naval forces immediately after returning by air from a conference in Pretoria with General Smuts.

Official circles describe the emergency departure as a "routine exercise" but it is known that the ship is loaded with 600 tons of oil—enough for a return voyage to the Antarctic—has a number of uniformed Army and Air Force officers on board and was hurriedly fitted with a portable radio transmitting station with telescopic masts.—Our Own Correspondent.

The second session of the Portuguese Institute took place yesterday afternoon at the Club Lusitano, when Dr. Olinto de Sousa spoke on "Sidelights on Portuguese Medicine." The speaker was introduced by the Chairman, Dr. A. M. Rodrigues.

Togliatti cited figures he credited to President Truman on American production and military strength and said they were "absolutely true."

He added, "This explains how the United States has formulated its imperialistic doctrine. The Truman Doctrine says the destiny of being the strongest power in the world and the responsibilities involved in this position at all costs."—United Press.

THE WHISKERS CLUB

With a harsh voice Roger the Raven croaked, "This time, when you give me back the treasure bowl," growled Roger, "I'm off."

The Whiskers were heart-broken at this sudden change. "We've got to see, I think, back quickly," Mr. Owl declared at the packed thoughtfully to and fro.

At Flagstaff House G.O.C. EXPLAINS LAY-OUT OF GARRISON IN COLONY



General Erskine presides at the Press Conference which was held at Flagstaff House yesterday.

Hainan War Crimes Trial

THIS IS THE STORY OF "PUSS IN BOOTS"—PLUS

The story of "Puss in Boots" and of 16 other Japanese was told in the Australian War Crimes Court at Kowloon yesterday. Among the 16 was an Admiral—Tahara Suzumaru. Also included were: Matsukawa Chuzo ("Heavy Harry"), and Tajima Tamaki ("Friendly Fred")—later "Hateful Harry". "Gordon Coventry" was there too.

The trial may well be ranked second only to those being held in Tokyo, said the prosecution. Admiral Suzumaru and his 16 associates are charged with war crimes committed on Hainan Island between November, 1942, and August, 1945.

The court comprised, Lieutenant-Colonel H.G. Guinn (President), Lieutenant-Colonel J.T. Brock (Judge Advocate), Major N. McLeod, and Lieutenant R. Carter.

Major Grant McIntyre, Australian Division, SCAP (GHQ), Tokyo, conducted the prosecution.

Major McIntyre told the court the story:—

It began, he said, conveniently on October 25, 1942. Then a party of Dutch and Australian prisoners of war, who had been captured on Ambon, embarked for an unknown destination.

In the party were 263 Australian officers and men, as well as 237 Dutch prisoners.

They were told that the new camp would be a convalescent camp where medicines and proper treatment would be available.

On November 5, 1942, aboard the "Taiko Maru," they arrived at Bakli on the west coast of Hainan Island.

The were placed in a camp compound fenced with a low barbed wire fence.

The Australians—sick men, officers and other ranks—were in one hut; all the Dutch in another; and two other huts were occupied by coolies.

The sick were in the same hut as the others.

Under these conditions, an issue of seventeen and a half pints of disinfectant was made during the two and a half years on the island.

While living under these conditions the prisoners received

a call from Captain Kondo, Commander of the Japanese Naval Landing Party, whose Headquarters were in the area.

He read a proclamation asking for obedience and diligent work but threatened severe punishment for acts of opposition.

He personally told the Commanding Officer that "Although food would be monotonous it would be ample."

"It is a matter of regret that natural death has enabled Captain Kondo to escape justice by preventing us from including him in the dock this morning," said the prosecutor.

The Surgeon

Captain McIntyre went on to describe how on November 7, 1942, Captain Ishiro Kikuchi came to the camp and introduced himself as the senior district surgeon.

As such he was responsible for hygiene and medical affairs of prisoners of war.

He occupied his position until March, 1945.

During the first few months he examined patients.

"Although," the Prosecutor said, "he did it very sketchily and usually to disprove the Allied Medical Officer's diagnosis or to prove that the man was not sick at all."

During the first seven months there were 594 cases of dysentery treated in hospital.

Until the end of August, 1943, the Japanese did nothing to cope with the situation in the camp.

According to the Allied doctor in the camp (Doctor Aiken) almost every man in the force had beriberi to some extent.

"One day in July Captain Kikuchi took a party of Japanese officers around the hospital and pointed out the worst cases to them and odd though it may

seem to us they all roared with laughter at the men distorted by disease," said the prosecutor.

"Puss in Boots"

After dealing with other of the prisoners, McIntyre turned to "Puss in Boots."

This is Ensign Kyukichi Suzuki. He was Officer-in-charge of the food and clothing section.

He held this post for eleven months.

Under his regime the men in the camp took steps to combat a food and medicinal starvation policy and a secret organization was established to barter and trade for medicine.

With great personal risk men traded with Chinese and bought drugs back into the camp.

Large amounts of Vitamin B were loaded off and on ships and trucks by prisoners.

It was on one of these occasions that Australian War-crime Officer 11 Norman was ordered to beat up the men working in the hold of the ship.

When he refused, the guards set upon the men themselves.

The Prosecutor also deplored the going of Tajima Tamaki ("Friendly Fred"), who came to the camp in December, 1943.

He held this posting for seven months until August 20, 1944, said the Prosecutor. His nickname had then been changed to "Hateful Harry."

"Gordon Coventry"

"In October, 1945," the Prosecutor added, "the prisoners had their first experience with the defendant Shigetada Otsuki—also known as 'Gordon Coventry' (the well known Australian footballer noted for his skill in kicking)."

Discharged as a private from the Japanese Army, Otsuki was eventually engaged on guard duties over the P.W. work parties in Hainan. He remained there until March, 1945.

Charges recorded against him included: Beating with rifle, hitting on head with wood, striking with shovel, beating with the face with signalling flag and many examples of kicking.

After detailing the progressive degradation in the camp, the Prosecutor came to Captain Shigeo Aoyama, who, he said, assumed command until the end of the war.

From that time onwards the rice ration was lowered to 300 grams; the Japanese made camp searches, took away hot water bottles, hospital, sheets and all rice and sugar that they found.

They Ate Snails

The men began to eat rats and snails.

Desperate representations for a surgeon were made to every Japanese officer who could be contacted.

The average weight of the men was 111 lbs.—and this was the weight when approximately half of them had oedema of the legs and as weighed more because of the swellings.

During the time spent on Hainan 51 Australians died as a result of a total of 268 Dutch casualties were 70.

The Court was adjourned until 10.30 this morning when the trial of the Japanese against the Australian and Dutch prisoners will be begun.

"Subject to War Office approval I am prepared at any time to move my men out of Murray Barracks on the Island and Whitfield Barracks in Kowloon, to make room for commercial development. If I am given suitable alternative sites on a no-cost basis."

This remark was made by the G.O.C., Major-General Erskine, at a Press Conference, at Land Forces HQ, yesterday, when he explained the new layout and composition of the Colony's Garrison.

The G.O.C. said he was unable to move out of Gun Club Hill, Shumshuipo, and Victoria Barracks at present as there was no suitable alternative accommodation.

"I made known this view to Sir Patrick Abercrombie when he was here, and told him I was ready to send in my recommendation to the War Office along this line," said General Erskine.

The G.O.C. said: "The Garrison of this Colony is not complete without the Volunteers. There are plans to put the Volunteers on the map again in an important way. It is my ambition to see a strong and vigorous Volunteer Force with a fully recognised status working with the regular Garrison. That we have put in to the War Office an essential element in the Garrison."

"One important step which I very much welcome is the appointment of Colonel Ride as Commandant. There could be no better-known figure with a distinguished war record to reform and re-organise the H.K.V.C. I would like to pay a tribute to Colonel Mitchell, and Colonel Owen Hughes as acting Commandant, for the work they have put in to tidy up the past, advise about the future and keep the Corps spiritually in existence."

Enlistments

As to the response to the call for local men for the administrative services, the G.O.C. said enlistment would not open till Jan. 12. It was intended to give the Chinese Cadets—who had service in Burma and elsewhere and who had not yet been demobbed an opportunity to re-enlist and to act as instructors to the new men.

The strength of the proposed new Garrison would be about the same as pre-war, but the British personnel would be less.

At peak strength, when he first arrived here, the garrison consisted of seven major units. At present it is three.

General Erskine revealed that two Gurkha battalions are to be stationed in the Colony—at San Wai Camp (with a detachment at Clear Water Bay), and at Whitfield Barracks (with a detachment at Lyman Barracks). The Garrison will also comprise the 25th Field Regiment R.A., at Gun Club Hill (with a Battery camp at Tai Lam), and the 2nd Battalion, The Buffs, at Stanley (with a detachment at Murray Barracks).

The administrative establishment of the Royal Engineers, R.A.C., R.A.S., R.A.M.C., will be at Shanshuipo, while Whitfield Barracks will also accommodate an R.A.S.C. transport company, medical and educational establishments.

General Erskine said that the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers will leave the Colony when the Gurkhas arrive.

The G.O.C. gave figures of Army requisition in the Colony, compared with a year ago as follows: 14 houses and 6 flats (50 and 342 a year ago); no hotels (2); no schools (4); three godowns (20); 8 Japanese owned property (1); and 19 offices. 1 camp and 2 land (40).

All requisitioned property would be released before Oct. 31 this year, except Japanese owned property.

New Plans

General Erskine said plans were now before the War Office for the modernisation and re-equipping of the Union Jack Club, in a reference to a criminal trial the G.O.C. said "if the whole question of war crimes is looked at, and not just the isolated cases of Saito and Tokunaga, it will be seen that many vicious and unscrupulous war criminals have had a just trial and received well-merited punishment."

Referring to vice by the Colony, General Erskine declared "We intend to maintain a standard of self-respect and decency although prostitutes are a penny and brothel keepers are fined five bob."

The present average V.D. figure among the Forces was four or five a day, which he considered normal in relation to the size of the Garrison.

New by-laws for roast (or cooked) meat shops are on the agenda at the Urban Council's meeting to-day.

PERSONALIA

Peninsula Hotel arrivals:—Mr. and Mrs. G.E. Schwab, Mr. and Mrs. P.R. Pedersen, Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. A. Matti, G.R. Torrie, Mrs. D. McAfee, Miss M. Beck, Dr. and Mrs. J.C. Hughes, Cdr. and Mrs. D. Campbell, A.C. Cox, P. de Jong, R. Parcell, Dr. C.P. Allen, Mrs. A. Morton and T. Anderson.

Peninsula departures:—Chas. S. Miner, S.J. Pollock, Mrs. W.H. Clark, A. Brondal, J. James D. Macallum, Mr. and Mrs. H. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. N.F. Nielsen, C.M. Mathieson, Miss Jean Jones, Ed. Sassoon, A.E. Hughes, J.M. Murphy, J.B. Hendry, F.X. Cleary, Mr. and Mrs. E. Cate, T.E. Long, M. Sutton and Mrs. N. Thorpe.

Passengers by P.A.A. Clippers:—J. W. Harper and Miss Alice Morton (for Manila), T. Anderson (for Guam) and R. Hammond (for San Francisco).

Passengers by C.P.A. planes:—Mrs. G.E. Schwab and Mr. Melvain (to Singapore), Capt. Maupin (to Rangoon) and Lt. A. H. Overback (to Manila).

The following left yesterday by BOAC flying-boat: Mrs. O. B. Little and Mr. G. R. Platt (for Sydney via Singapore), Messrs F. H. Brown, E. W. Bartrop, T. Sherrard and F. Harris (for Singapore), J.F.Y. Huang, Miss Lena Lien, Yang Zung-yung, Mrs. J.F.Y. Huang, Mr. Freeman Koo (for Bangkok).

The forthcoming weddings have been announced:—Mr. Alice Michael John Wright, architect, 10 Stanley Beach Road, to Miss Ethel Surtees, nursing sister, Royal Naval Hospital.

Commander Alexander McGowan McGulloch, R.N. H.M.S. Barbain, Royal Naval Dockyard, Kowloon, to Miss Elizabeth Winifred Wickham, 7 Middle Park Close, Birmingham 29, England.

Sgt. Ralph Collins, 4th Pagan Garrison, Royal Air Force, to Miss Lillian Ruth, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 9

FIRST WOMAN JURORS

The Comet SHE LOST HER CASH IN A LIFT

Yesterday marked the shouldering of a new civic responsibility by the women of Hong Kong when, for the first time in local history, women jurors were empanelled for a Criminal Sessions case at the Supreme Court.

The trial was a murder trial, following enquiries, accused was arrested in a hut at Homantin Hill.

Those who thought that the sight of a human skeleton would unnerve the women jurors were doomed to disappointment.

They not only took a keen interest in the proceedings, but scrutinized, with minute care, the skull of the alleged victim when it was placed before them for inspection.

There were four women on the jury.

Before they were sworn in, Mr. Justice E.H. Williams (Chief Justice), pointed out that the charge on which the accused, Lit Chun alias Ng Chun, was being tried, was that of murder.

He enquired if any of the women jurors had, on a matter of principle, any objection to serving.

There being no objection, the jurors were then sworn in, after which Mr. Justice Williams gave a brief resume of the birth and growth of the jury system in England and mentioned that women were first called upon to serve as jurors in England in 1919.

Mr. A.J. Clifford, assisted by Det. Insp. G.E. Willerton, is conducting the case for the prosecution.

The accused, who is charged with the murder of Ng Shui on July 28, 1947, is defended by Mr. Percy Chen, who has been assigned for the defence by the Crown.

The prosecutor, (Mr. Clifford) said that up to the time of the alleged murder, the two men appeared to have been on good terms, although it was alleged by the prosecution that accused owed the deceased \$40.

On July 28 deceased left in company with the accused, The wife of the deceased would say that deceased never arrived home that night.

The remains of deceased were found scattered on the hillside and in a nullah on Sept. 4. The Police were notified and

He was informed that he was suspected of murdering Ng Shui at Aberdeen.

Accused is then alleged to have replied: "Ng Shui was killed by me with one blow with a pole by mistake."

On Sept. 13, when formally charged, accused said: "I did strike him, but I killed him by mistake."

After this accused was further heard to say: "I struck him with a stick and pushed him down the hillside."

After evidence by a number of witnesses, hearing was adjourned till 10.30 a.m. today, as the Court and jury will first make a visit to the scene of the alleged crime.

"We May Discover Something"

"We may uncover something interesting," Mr. Latimer said when he remanded Sia Liu, 21-year-old married woman of No. 516 Shanghai Street, who appeared at Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday on a charge of simple larceny of two ivory mahjong pieces.

"And the stolen set may be recovered too," Prosecution Officer Inspector Orem added.

Leung Woon, mistress of a general repair shop at No. 1 Austin Road, told the Court that defendant came to her shop at 10 a.m. last Sunday with two women and two boys.

After they had left, Leung said she discovered a mahjong set missing and was informed by a passerby that one of the women had taken it.

Complainant said she saw the women running and arrested defendant who had stopped to pick up the two mahjong pieces which apparently had dropped.

Defendant, who said her husband was in Canton, pleaded not guilty, saying that she did not know the other women and that she did not stop to pick up the pieces.

She was remanded 24 hours pending further investigation.

BLACKMARKETEERS CAUGHT ON WHARF

Police vigilance brought two blackmarketeers, arrested at the Kowloon-Canton Railway Station last Sunday, before Mr. Latimer, at Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Sin Ha (31), unemployed, of No. 454, Lockhart Road, and Law Yiu (48) were each fined \$75 for offering KCR tickets for sale at above the original prices.

First defendant was seen by DPC 88 trying to sell a Third Class KCR ticket at \$10 (\$8.80).

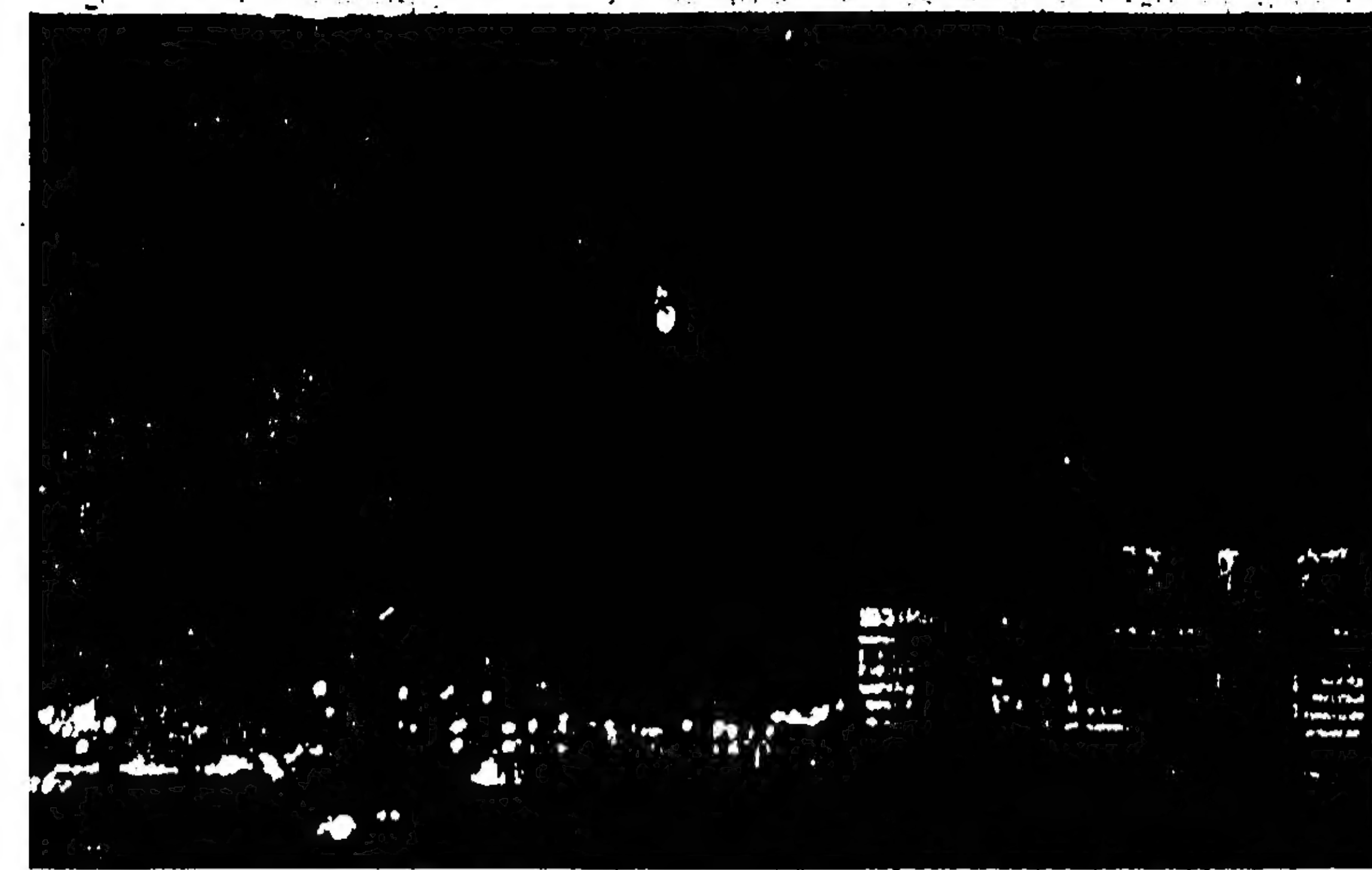
Second defendant was seen by DPC 881 trying to sell a Second Class ticket at \$22 (\$17.50).

Boatman Wong Fuk (22) had to pay \$10 fine for evading ferry fare (20 cents) at the Yaumati Ferry Pier last Sunday morning.

SPAIN WANTS A SHARE

Madrid, Jan. 4. The Spanish Foreign Minister, Senor Alberto Martin Ariza, asked about the possibility of Spain sharing in the Marshall aid to Europe, said that if the big powers really wanted "to use every means for the reconstruction of Europe," they should give Spain the facilities for purchasing raw materials and machinery.

"It does not matter so much whether the money comes from one place or another," he said, "or whether as a loan or in any other form under the Marshall Plan or any other plan."—Reuter.



This looks a bad photograph but on December 22 a Royal Air Force bomber, 18,000 feet up, saw the new comet for the first time from England. Meteorological conditions prevented Britain's seeing it from the ground.

The new comet was first seen from South Africa and Australia simultaneously December 9, and is still travelling through space at 250,000 miles an hour.

The tail of the comet is believed by astronomers to be more than ten million miles long.

PHOTO SHOWS: The comet as it appeared to Australians from Melbourne on the second night of appearance, December 10.—A Photo.

RUSSIAN TO CONDUCT ANTI-RED CAMPAIGN

Shanghai, Jan. 5. Elias Shendrikoff, 71-year-old founder of the Russian Menshevik branch of the revolutionary party which later was outlawed by the Lenin-Stalin clique of the Bolsheviks, left today for the United States to contact other exiled Russian anti-Communist leaders in a worldwide anti-Soviet campaign.

Shendrikoff said he expected to confer with Alexander Kerensky in the United States and go to Mexico City to meet the free Russian Committee recently formed there.

Shendrikoff, who represented the Menshevik branch in two post-revolution Russian governments, charged that the Soviet Union was "preparing itself very actively for a new and more terrible war." He said the people of Russia, cut off from outside information, have no idea of the danger hanging over their country.

Preparing For War

The exile, who has been in China 27 years, said: "The depopulation of North Korea, the transformation of small states into submissive humble satellites and the use of prisoners of war in Russia as real slaves in building up an army composed of German war prisoners with their own generals in charge—all this testifies that Russia is preparing itself very actively for a new and more terrible war."

"Russia is in ruins," he said. "According to statements of the Communists themselves the territory between the Volga and Warsaw is a virtual desert—with a starving population, unclothed and unsheltered. The nation is bankrupt."

Shendrikoff, a prominent Shanghai attorney, expects to arrive in San Francisco in the middle of January aboard the American President Liner General Meigs.

Kolchak Follower

As a labour leader in the Caucasian oilfields during the Russo-Japanese war he organised workers into a union which reached an agreement with the industrialists. This act worsened the split between the Mensheviks and the Bolsheviks as the latter demanded violence against the industrialists rather than agreements.

Prior to the final outlawing of the Mensheviks, Shendrikoff was commissioner for Turkestan in the provisional 1917 government of Prince Lvov and later served two years in the administration of Admiral Kolchak. He came to Shanghai in the latter part of 1920.—United Press.

HOPES TO HAVE ANOTHER

New York, Jan. 5. A former British West Indian slave, Mrs. Martha H. Shepherd, who has been blind for 14 years, celebrated her 102nd birthday at the home of a daughter here on New Year's Day.

Mrs. Shepherd was born on Jan. 1, 1846. She said that she hoped to have another party next year.—Reuter.

Monumentality

Charged with driving a private car for the purpose of collecting fines, Eric Chung, of the American Express Company, was discharged by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistrate's Court yesterday on a charge of larceny of a watch.

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Workman Took His Hire

"I worked for him for several months and he owed me wages," 25-year-old Yeung Po, told Mr. Blair-Kerr when he was charged with stealing 20 pieces of clothing, two dogs and three chickens, property of his ex-employer, at No. 3 Texas Branch Road, last Saturday night.

Defendant, who pleaded guilty at Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday, said he took away the animals, was sentenced to nine months' hard labour and recommended for deportation.

The Prosecution said that Yeung, who was dismissed by Hung Fat three days ago, broke into his ex-employer's hut through a hole in a wall and escaped by unlocking a door, between 11 p.m. and 2.30 a.m.

The dogs and chickens, the prosecution added, might have escaped through the hole made by defendant.

"BUT IT WAS NEW YEAR'S EVE"

"But for the fact that it was New Year's Eve I would take a serious view of the case," said Mr. J. G. Conklin at Central Magistrate's Court yesterday to Able Seaman R. Norman.

Norman, who was charged with disorderly conduct in a public place while under the influence of drink and malicious damage of a plate glass window, was ordered to pay \$100 to the Holland Cafe.

Mr. Conklin said that one of defendant's witnesses had proved a prosecution witness to have been lying. He therefore cautioned Norman on the first charge and found him not guilty of the second.

Defendant said he became involved with several Chinese trying to sell him fireworks.

A friend, Able Seaman Taylor, was accidentally pushed through the show window.

Taylor gave evidence for defendant with his arm in a sling. Marine Sillart testified to having seen Taylor accidentally pushed through the window.

J. T. Cruz of 23, Caroline Hill Road, pleaded guilty before Mr. J. G. Conklin at Central Magistrate's Court yesterday on a charge of driving a motor cycle without efficient brakes. Defendant was fined \$50.

Jewel Store Robbery Outlined In Court

Committal proceedings were commenced before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistrate's Court yesterday when Chan Kwong, alias Luk Liu Cheong, 21, and Luk Shiu Po, 22, were charged on four counts with robbery by two or more, possession of a dagger and ammunition, possession of two revolvers and eight rounds and conspiracy to rob the Tai Hang Jewellery Firm, Bank of East Asia.

Outlining the case, Detective Inspector T. Cashman said that defendants, together with another two not in custody, at 11.45 a.m. on April 4 went to Room 302 Lok Yew Building, occupied by Li Kwong, and an assistant jeweller.

They were searched and from Li they took his keys, \$380, in cash, a gold watch, chain and pendant and a Taylor fountain pen.

With the keys they opened the safe and took some \$16,000. Fingerprinting was identified as those of the defendants.

The case continues today.

Lau Mo Fun, 23, residing at Room 305 Nam Ping Hotel, defendant in a charge of having taken possession of \$400 when she believed the owner could be found, was convicted by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistrate's Court yesterday and sentenced to three months' imprisonment and recommended for banishment.

According to Inspector Moran, defendant entered a lift at the Sincere Co. together with others. She was further alleged to have either taken from the person or picked up the money and made a quick getaway.

Defendant admitting picking up the money but denied having taken it from complainant's handbag.

Leung Cham Sum, lift operator of the Sincere Co., said that as the lift stopped at the first floor and while people were getting out he saw defendant opening complainant's handbag. Before he could inform victim, defendant had left the elevator and made for the stairs.

Asked if she had anything to say, defendant replied that she knew it was wrong and asked for leniency.

COOKED FOOD WITHOUT LICENCE

Tam Hi and Kwong Pong, charged before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistrate's Court yesterday with operating two cooked food stalls at Birds Street without a licence, were each fined \$200 or three weeks.

Inspector Hollingshead said that stalls were operating in Birds Street with electric wiring running the entire length of the street and fitted with electric bulbs as well as portable gas lights.

Wines were served and it was more of an open air restaurant. The stalls occupied some 150 yards and were definitely an obstruction.

The special dish of the day was cooked dog's meat. Forty-one customers, charged with causing an obstruction, were each fined \$1 or three days.

DRUG CHARGES

At the request of the prosecution, Mak Ming (40) of No. 37, Wooning Street, was remanded one week on a charge of keeping a heroin divan.

Appearing with him at Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday before Mr. Latimer, was Lan Lupo (27) who was fined \$10 or three days for possessing 100 pills of heroin.

Lim Ho-po (41), charged with possession of five heroin pipes, Yuen Shu (32), charged with possessing an opium pipe, and Lo Sam, charged with smoking heroin, had their \$35 bail estreated on failing to appear.

RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 12.15 to 2.00 p.m. and from 6.00 to 11.00 p.m., and also on 9.52 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.15 to 1.30, 6.30 to 7.30 and 9.00 to 11.00 p.m.

H.K.T. 12.15 p.m.—Studio: Religious Talk to Children.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

1.00 p.m.—Light Piano Parade with Hal Lorenso (Recorded at R.D.W.).

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.30 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.

1.45 p.m.—"From the Show". Light Opera.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

4.00 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "New Mixture".

6.30 p.m.—Variety.

6.50 p.m.—Studio: "See You" at Sport.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay: World and Home News.

7.15 p.m.—Studio: Piano Recital by Michael Roder (By courtesy of the Paragon Grill).

7.30 p.m.—Studio: "Stage A Screen Preview" Presented by Alleen Wood.

8.00 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "Apollo in Mourning".

8.45 p.m.—Vocal Recital by Raymond Newell (Baritone) and Others.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.

9.10 p.m.—Weather Report.

9.15 p.m.—Salon Organ: Organ.

9.30 p.m.—"Choppy" and "Rhythmic" Melodies. London Pathé: "The Great Dictator".

10.00 p.m.—London Relay: Radio Three.

10.15 p.m.—Song of the Orchestra from the "Unforgettable" Music Hotel.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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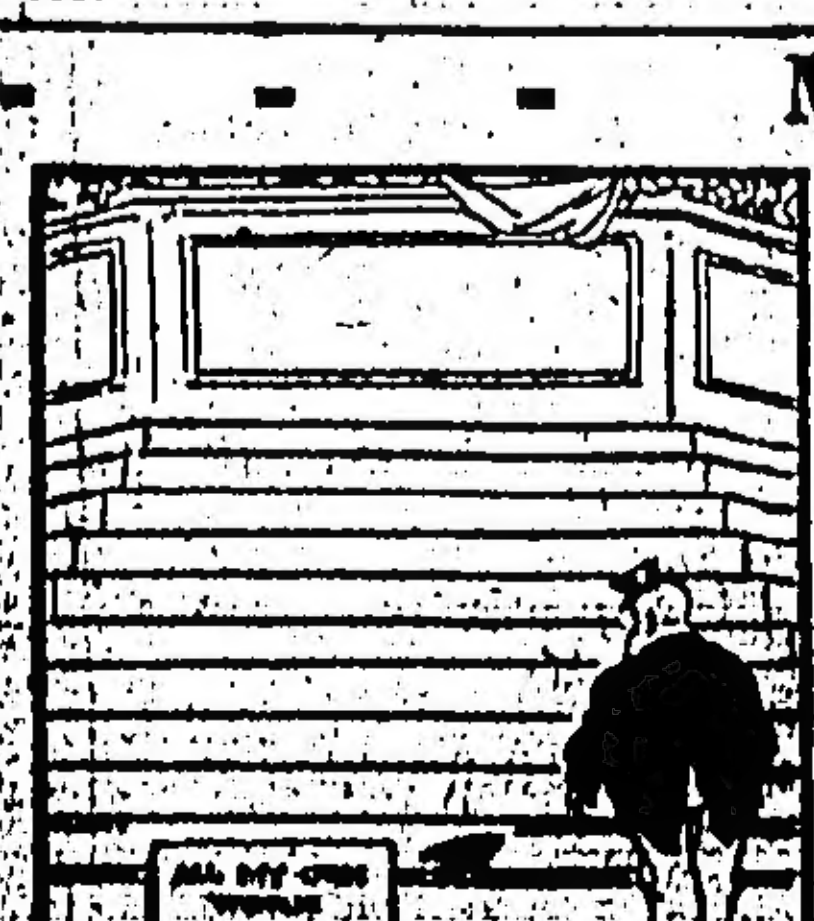


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(Incorporated under the Hong Kong Companies
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AUTHORIZED CAPITAL \$500,000.00

DIVIDED INTO

50,000 shares of \$10.00 each, whereof 500 shares shall be called
founders' shares and 49,500 shares shall be called ordinary shares.

The founders' shares confer on the holders thereof the right
from time to time to appoint any person who holds in his own
right the qualification of ordinary director to be ordinary director
of the Company, but so that not more than 7 persons shall at
any one time hold office by virtue of the appointment, and such
appointees shall hold office subject to Article 95 of the Articles of
Association of the Company, and may at any time remove him
from office, and any such appointment or removal shall be effected
by notice in writing to the general manager of the Company and
signed by the holders of at least two-thirds of the issued founders'
shares.

The founders' shares also confer on the holders thereof the right
ratably and in proportion to the number of founders' shares
held by them respectively to 10% of the surplus profits of the
Company in each year which shall remain after paying or pro-
viding for payment of 8% interest on the capital paid up or
credited as paid up on the founders' shares and ordinary shares
of the Company and the right to rank in all other respects pari
passu with the ordinary shares of the Company.

A shareholder who holds in his own right 1,000 ordinary
shares of the first issue of shares of the Company shall be a
promoter of the Company, and he shall also be a permanent direc-
tor of the Company until he ceases to hold 1,000 ordinary shares
in the Company or vacates office by death, resignation, or otherwise.

Any person who procures subscriptions for 300 ordinary shares
of the first issue of shares of the Company shall be a promoter
of the Company, and if he holds in his own right at least 50
shares of the said 300 shares he shall be eligible to be elected
as an ordinary director of the Company.

The promoters of the Company shall be entitled to be paid
6% of the said surplus profits of the Company as bonus and
such bonus shall be divided among the promoters in such pro-
portions as the promoters may agree between themselves and in
default of such agreement equally.

The qualification of an ordinary director is the holding in
his own right of at least 50 ordinary shares in the capital of the
Company.

Upon a poll every member holding founders' shares and pre-
sent in person or by proxy shall have two votes for every found-
ers' share held by him, and every member holding 5 ordinary
shares or present in person or by proxy shall have one vote
for every 5 ordinary shares up to 10 ordinary shares and to an
additional vote for every 10 ordinary shares beyond the first 10
ordinary shares, but so that no member holding ordinary shares
shall have more than 100 votes each.

No member holding less than 5 ordinary shares shall have
the right to attend or to vote at any general meeting or to receive
any notice thereof.

ISSUE OF

500 Founders' shares at par, and
24,500 Ordinary shares at par.

Payable as regards the founders' shares on
application \$10.00 per share

Payable as regards the ordinary shares on
application \$10.00 per share

DIRECTORS

| | | |
|---------------------|---|----------|
| Li Chung Chong J.P. | Ko Po Village, Fanling New Terri- tories, Colony of Hong Kong | Merchant |
| Fung Ai Cheuk | No. 32, Fook Wing Street, 1st floor, Shamshui, Kowloon, Hong Kong | Merchant |
| Fung Fu Wah | Fanling Village, Fanling, New Terri- tories, Colony of Hong Kong | Merchant |
| Tung Fan Sun | Tai Po Tai Village, New Terri- tories, Colony of Hong Kong | Merchant |
| Lee Wai Heung | No. 5, Yan Hing Street, Tai Po Market, New Territories, Colony of Hong Kong | Merchant |
| Pang Chiu Yan | Sung Lim Tung Village, Fanling, New Territories, Colony of Hong Kong | Merchant |
| Li Yuk Tong | Ma Cheuk Ling Village, Sha Tau Kok, New Territories, Colony of Hong Kong | Merchant |
| Chan Yau Choi | Ping Yung Village, Sheungshui, New Territories, Colony of Hong Kong | Merchant |
| Wong Kun Ying | Tung Pak Long Village, Sheungshui, New Territories, Colony of Hong Kong | Merchant |

SOLICITORS

Messrs. C. Y. Kwan & Co.
No. 4M, Des Voeux Road Central
Hong Kong

AUDITORS

Messrs. Wong, Tan & Co.
Chartered Accountants,
No. 4M, Des Voeux Road Central
Hong Kong

ARCHITECT

Mrs. Y. C. Mok B.Sc.
Alexandra Building
Hong Kong

REGISTERED OFFICER

Shi Shing Library
On Lok Village, Fan Ling, New Territories,
Colony of Hong Kong

PROSPECTUS

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3. INITIAL PROJECT.—As an initial stage it is proposed
to acquire land for the close vicinity of the railway station at
Fanling and to clear, lay out building sites, and to construct roads,
sewers, drainage and other public conveniences.

Approximate total area of land proposed to acquire 600,000
square feet.

Reserved for—

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| Roads and footpaths | 208,600 |
| Sites of 200 shops (including scavenging lanes) | 205,400 |
| Sites of 100 covered stalls and spaces for open stalls | 45,000 |
| Sites for public dispensary, lawn, park, and other public conveniences | 41,000 |
| Open area | 50,800 |
| Approximate total area proposed to be developed | 550,800 |

4. ESTIMATED INITIAL OUTLAY.

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| Cost of land | \$ 70,000.00 |
| 20% of the estimated cost of \$500,000.00 of clearing and filling land, road formations, sewers and drainage, laying out and prepar- ing sites for shops, covered stalls, open stalls (the balance of 80% to be borne by the pur- chaser of the building lots of shops) | 140,000.00 |
| Cost of erecting about 100 covered stalls, lawn, park, and other public conveniences | 60,000.00 |
| | \$230,000.00 |

5. OPTION TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The sites of the shops will be laid out and divided into build-
ing lots and it is proposed that a shareholder who holds in his
own right 1,000 ordinary shares of the first issue of shares in the
capital of the Company shall have the first option of purchas-
ing 2 lots, and a shareholder who holds in his own right 800
shares in the capital of the Company shall have the first
option of purchasing one lot.

It is anticipated that when the sites are laid out and divided,
all the building lots will be taken up.

6. UNIFORMITY OF BUILDINGS.

To avoid congestion of different and unrelated types of
building, the Company is preparing plans and specifications of
the shops to be built on the building lots, and will submit them
to Government for approval. The plans will provide for all the
essential demands of health and convenience, and when the plans
are approved by Government, each purchaser of building lot will
be required to enter into agreement with the Company to build
the shop in strict accordance with the plans and specifications.

7. The purchasers of the building lots will also be required to
bear the cost of clearing and filling land, road formations,
sewers, drainage, laying out, preparing building lots and
lighting of roads and also the expense of repaving and main-
taining the roads, ways and lighting proportionately to the areas
of the building lots purchased by them respectively.

8. In order to preserve the uniformity of the type of shops,
and to expedite the early completion of the building of all the
shops within a specified time, the Company will undertake to
build the shops on behalf of the purchasers of the building lots,
and will call for tenders from building contractors to contract
for the work. The purchasers of building lots will be required
to enter into covenants with the Company to pay to the Company
the costs of the building of each shop according to the contract
price, and such payment may be made either by cash payment
or by a number of instalments at such intervals during the pro-
gress of the erection of the shop as will be agreed upon. The
object of this is to avoid competition in the market for building
materials and the consequent rise in prices which would be the
case if the purchaser of building lots were to build their shops
separately and independently of each other.

9. ANTICIPATED INCOME PER YEAR.

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| Rental of stalls | \$36,000.00 |
| Income from other sources | 18,000.00 |
| | \$54,000.00 |
| Less overhead expenses— | 12,000.00 |
| Income | \$42,000.00 |

10. FUTURE PROSPECTS.—At the present stage, the
directors are unable, however, to formulate an estimate of profits
with any degree of accuracy, but nevertheless they feel justified
in anticipating that with the establishment of trade centres, which
is the principal object of the Company, and with the co-operation
of the inhabitants of over 100 villages in the New Terri-
tories, the industry and commerce of the New Territories will
develop and the welfare of inhabitants will improve.

11. MANAGEMENT.—The management of the Company will
be under the control of the directors who shall be appointed
as provided in the Articles of Association of the Company.

12. MINIMUM SUBSCRIPTIONS.—The minimum amount
which, in the opinion of the directors, must be raised out of
the proceeds of this issue is \$100,000.00 of which \$70,000.00 is
for the purchase of land; \$10,000.00 for preliminary expenses; and
\$20,000.00 for working capital.

13. No amounts are to be provided in respect of the matters
aforesaid other than out of the proceeds of this issue.

14. The 500 founders' shares now offered for subscription
have been underwritten, and of the 24,500 ordinary shares now
offered for subscription 20,000 shares have been underwritten.

15. The Articles of Association of the Company provide—
89. Unless otherwise determined by a general meeting
the number of directors shall not be less than five or more
than fifteen including permanent directors.

92. Each of the directors permanent and ordinary shall
be paid out of the funds of the Company as remuneration
for his services such sum as the Company in general meeting
may from time to time determine. The Company in general
meeting may also determine the time of payment of any remunera-
tion payable to any director. The directors permanent and ordinary
shall also be paid for any expenses incurred by them in connection
with their duties as directors.

16. A copy of the Company's Memorandum of Association is
printed at the foot of this prospectus, and forms part of it.

17. Copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association
of the Company can be inspected at the office of the Registrar
of Companies at any time during office hours from the date
of issue of this prospectus until the last day.

18. Application for shares should be made upon the form
accompanying this prospectus and sent to the Company's Registrar
at Office together with a remittance of the amount payable on
application.

19. Where no allotment is made the amount paid on applica-
tion shall be returned to the applicant, and where the number of shares
applied for exceeds the number of shares available, the balance of the
amount paid on application will be returned to the applicant.

20. Receipts for cash payments for shares shall be made out by the
Company's Registrar. Forms may be obtained at the
Office of the Company or from the Company's Registrar.

The Company's Registrar is Mr. J. H. G. Smith, 1st Floor, 10, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong.

NOTICE

1. As from January 5th 1948
an Export Licence will be re-
quired in respect of all exports
of "CHINA EXPORTS" to all
parts of the world, extending
China, but including the Sterling
Area.

2. The term "CHINA EX-
PORTS" means the following
commodities—

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| Bristles | Woolfram |
| Wood Oil | Cotton Yarn |
| Rapeseed Oil | Tin |
| Ten | Antimony |

and includes the above com-
modities whatever the country of
production.

3. Where the above com-
modities are of Chinese Origin
an Export Licence will only be
granted provided that a Certi-
ficate of Origin issued by the
Chinese Authorities accompanies
the application for the Export
Licence. Where the commodities
are NOT of Chinese Origin,
such proof of origin as the
Superintendent of Imports and
Exports deems fit shall be
provided.

4. In the case of stocks already
held in the Colony, it will not
be possible to produce Certificate
of Origin and such stocks must
be registered with the Imports
and Exports Department. Re-
gistration Forms can be obtained
from the Manifest Office of the
Imports and Exports Depart-
ment, ground floor, Fire Brigade
Building, free of charge. Re-
gistration forms must be com-
pleted and handed in to the
Imports and Exports Department
before 5 p.m. on Friday, January
9th 1948. No registration
Forms can be accepted after that
date.

5. It should be noted that no
Export Licence will be given for
unregistered stocks of the above
commodities of Chinese origin
unless a Certificate of Origin is
produced.

6. Application for the export
of China Exports should be
made on Form 2B (yellow) in
duplicate, except in the case of
lin and wood oil, which should
be on form 2A (green) in
duplicate to the office of Mr.
Davis on the 2nd floor of the
Fire Brigade Building.

7. In case of difficulty phone
Mr. Davis, 39243.

E. HIMS WORTH,
Superintendent,
Imports & Exports Department,
Hongkong, 3rd January, 1948.

HONG KONG TELEPHONE CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

Owing to the present transport difficulties and the need
to employ all its men on essential work it will not be possible
for the Company to distribute the Telephone Directories as in
previous years. Subscribers are therefore requested to call at
the Company's Offices, Exchange Buildings, Des Voeux Road,
Central, on the days set out below to collect their Directories.
The Directories will only be issued on production of the Com-
pany's official receipt for the current quarter's rentals and on
production of the old Directory.

Directories for Government Services will be distributed by
the Post Master General.

Directory Distribution:

| January | 7th | Telephone Numbers | 20000 to 31099 |
|---------|------|-------------------|----------------|
| " | 8th | " | 22000 to 23999 |
| " | 9th | " | 24000 to 25999 |
| " | 10th | " | 26000 to 27999 |
| " | 11th | " | 28000 to 29999 |
| " | 12th | " | 30000 to 31999 |
| " | 13th | " | 32000 to 33999 |
| " | 14th | " | 34000 to 34999 |
| " | 15th | " | 35000 to 35999 |
| " | 16th | " | 36000 to 36999 |
| " | 17th | " | 37000 to 37999 |
| " | 18th | " | 38000 to 38999 |

Directories will only be issued to subscribers on the
days allotted to them and if a subscriber is unable to collect
his Directory on that day he should not apply again until
the distribution is completed, i.e. until Tuesday 20th January.

S. GROVE,
Secretary.

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

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Out of business hours: 30223 Outward Bills Dept.
30224 Chief Cashier
30225 Current Accounts
Dept.
30226 Resident Engineer
30227 Sub-Accountant
30228 Chief Inspector.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK HONGKONG (TRUSTEE) LTD.

From Monday 5th January, 1948, our telephone
number will be: 30221.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1948.

Cheers For Last Burma Governor

Rangoon, Jan. 4.
Sir Hubert Rance, the last British Governor of
Burma, sailed downriver from Rangoon in the
cruiser HMS Birmingham early today to the
cheers of thousands of Burmese citizens who
lined the wharfs and river banks to bid fare-
well to the last representative of British rule
in Burma.

A few hours earlier, Sir Hubert, as representative
of King George VI, handed over power to the
first President of the Burmese Republic, Sao
Shwe Thaik, at a solemn ceremony at Gov-
ernment House.

The Union Jack that had
fluttered from the mast of the
Constituent Assembly building
was now stowed on board
HMS Birmingham, on its way
to Britain, where it will be
kept in the British Museum. It
had been replaced by the red,
blue and white star-spangled
banner of the Burmese Repub-
lic.

When power was formally
transferred, lorry loads of Bur-
mese, waving their national col-
ours, paraded the city streets,
cheering, waving flags and
singing national songs.
Temple bells rang out from
all sides, crackers were fired
in the streets and ships and
factories on the river front
sounded their horns.

Meanwhile, the Republic's
Cabinet was meeting to take
the oath of office and Parlia-
ment was ratifying the treaty
with Britain.

The Prime Minister, Thakin
Nu, presented the Anglo-Bur-
mese treaty to Parliament, ex-
plained its vital provisions and
moved its ratification.

The Communist Party, which
has seven members in the
House of 255, opposed the ratifi-
cation of the treaty, which
they described as "sacrificing
the interests of the Burmese
masses to alien capitalist
domination."

They strongly criticized the
terms of the defence agreement
and the financial arrangement.
The Defence Minister, Col-
onel Bo Let Ya, and the
Home Minister, U. Kywin,
warned the terms of the treaty
mentioned by the Communists.
The treaty was finally rat-
ified by an overwhelming major-
ity.

London Ceremony

Meantime, in London, an aus-
picious steamship down on its
gay flowers and colourful cos-
tumes, hundreds of Burmese
patriots, together with promi-
nent world figures, celebrated

the transfer of power to Burma
at a ceremony in which Burma's
first Ambassador, Maung Gye,
raised his country's star-spangled
tricolour to the "main-
head" of the Burmese Embassy.
Inside the bright, gilded
chamber of the Burmese Em-
bassy in London, members of
the diplomatic "services" of
most of the world's nations
heard Sir Stafford Cripps, the
Chancellor of the Exchequer—
one of the chief architects of
the Burmese settlement—pledge
Britain to an era of close
friendship with independent
Burma.

"It is our hope," he told the
distinguished gathering, "that
Burma will go from strength
to strength, setting an example
to the people of Asia of a great
social and democratic republic,
stable and prosperous, develop-
ing her own resources for the
good of her people and of the
whole world."

"In that progress, we may
continue to be privileged by
her friendship and that of her
people and we may, by our own
knowledge and experience be
able to make some contribution
to her development."—Reuter.

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Notice To Shareholders

NOTICE is hereby given that
the ONE HUNDRED and
TWENTY THIRD ORDINARY
MEETING of Shareholders in
the Company will be held at
the Office of the Company,
Queen's Building, Victoria,
Hong Kong, on Monday, 12th
January, 1948, at NOON, for
the purpose of receiving a Re-
port of the Directors, together
with a Statement of Accounts in
respect of 1946 and Re-electing
Directors and Auditors.

By Order of the Board of
Directors,
H. DA LUZ,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 24th Dec., 1947.

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For Reservations Phone 50550

TRUMAN'S CALL TO CONGRESS

Need To Act "With The Utmost Urgency"

Reiteration Of Old Demands

Washington, Jan. 4. President Truman today put the finishing touches to the lengthy "State of the Union" message in which he is expected to warn Congress on Wednesday that they will be failing in world leadership unless they act "with the utmost urgency" to end inflation at home and to give a start to organized reconstruction in Europe. These will be the highlights of the President's legislative demands, which will constitute his political "platform" for next November's elections, as well as setting the pattern for some of the most important debates in the history of Congress.

White House sources disclosed today that President Truman, undetermined by Republican opposition to his earlier proposals, will reiterate his demand for the control of wages and prices and powers to restore rationing as the only way to halt the inflationary spiral which, if unchecked, might end in a serious depression before another 12 months are out. The inextricable link between the stability of United States economy and the effort to begin European reconstruction on an orderly basis will also be stressed in the President's traditional message to the assembled Senators and Congressmen.

Truman Views

What the programme will be is pretty well known and White House sources said that President Truman will make it clear:

1. That he believes that reliance on voluntary measures—which Republican leadership strongly espouses—to beat inflation is wholly inadequate to cope with what he considers an "alarming" situation.
2. That any attempts to delay the Marshall Plan beyond March 31 next, seriously to reduce its

totals of work in its administration, or any move to avoid committing the United States for the whole four-year period and the \$17,000 million amount, will have the most serious repercussions. These arguments will be underlined by Mr. George Marshall, the Secretary of State, and Mr. Lewis Douglas, Ambassador in London, when they testify before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee next Wednesday or Thursday.

Because this is election year and because foreign aid and inflation are the two issues expected to dominate that contest, they likewise will make up the bulk of President Truman's message.

Aid For China

He is expected also to propose an additional programme of aid, totalling about \$300,000,000, for China and to call once more for legislation to outlaw racial discrimination in the giving of jobs, education and voting privileges. He is also expected to renew the plea for an increase in the immigration quotas for displaced persons from Europe to about 100,000 a year.—Reuter.

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Senator's Demand On Reparations

Washington, Jan. 5. Senator William F. Knowland, California Republican, demanded today that the State Department disclose whether there is any secret big three agreement promising Russia a substantial portion of dismantled Japanese industrial plants.

Knowland wrote acting Secretary of State Robert A. Lovett asking for "information regarding commitments made to other nations as to reparations from the Japanese economy and where such agreements were made."

"I would like to have an overall figure of the total reparations amounts under consideration, together with the tentative breakdown of allocations to the USSR, China, Australia and any other countries considered possible recipients for reparations payment," Knowland said. The Californian, who has protested vigorously against the shipment to Russia of dismantled German industrial plants, told a reporter he has reason to believe that some agreement may have been made at the Yalta, Teheran or Potsdam conferences to give the Soviets a "substantial" amount of similar equipment from Japan.

Winston Fully Recovered

Markareb, Jan. 4. Mr. Winston Churchill appeared in the public restaurant of his hotel here today for the first time since his illness began. Mrs. Churchill, their daughter Sarah, and the family physician, Lord Moran, who flew here yesterday, were with him at a family dinner party and they sat at his usual corner table. The hotel head waiter commented that "Mr. Churchill has regained his appetite today. He is obviously better."—Reuter.

KIDS' PARTY TRAGEDY

Atchbold, Ohio, Jan. 5. The State Highway Patrol today reported that 10 children were killed when a speeding New York train crashed into a sleighing party at a grade crossing. First reports from the scene of the crash said the train struck a tractor and bobbed combination, killing ten children outright and sending two others to hospital. Communications have been cut because of the recent ice storm.—United Press.

Another Malayan Piracy

Singapore, Jan. 5. Masked pirate raiders, with guns blazing, hijacked a Chinese coastal vessel last night in the Straits of Malacca. It was the second act of piracy within a week in Malayan waters.

The narrow straits, which separate Malaya from Sumatra, have been the lair of pirates since the days of Portuguese freebooters.

A shipping company spokesman said all Singapore passenger ships calling at Chinese ports henceforth will carry armed guards.

The current flare-up of piracy in southern Asiatic waters was climaxed three weeks ago with the sinking of the Dutch passenger ship Van Heutz off Hong Kong.—Associated Press.

Dock Fire Raging In Saigon

Paris, Jan. 5. The French News Agency said that a raging dock fire in Saigon, Indo-China, threatened the destruction of 40,000 tons of rubber last night and that French Army and Navy units were aiding in fighting the blaze. The despatch said that a column of smoke rose more than 3,000 feet above the city and that Saigon and its suburbs were covered by a dense pall of smoke. Officials said at least 2,000 tons of rubber stored nearest the area of the fire were certain to be destroyed and that other stocks were menaced. French cargo ships and one Russian freighter in the port were protected from the blaze the Agency said.—Associated Press.

Film Stars In Baton Charge

Paris, Jan. 4. Truncheons swinging, police charged a crowd of several thousand film stars and technicians who were blocking traffic in the Place de La Republique here this afternoon, in a protest demonstration against the Franco-American film importation agreement.

Several people were injured and nearly a dozen were arrested during the fighting, the police reported.

In the past year, French film production dropped 25 per cent with a resulting 60 per cent increase in the industry's unemployment.

The second largest industry in France before the war, with an average annual production of 120 films, it produced only 74 pictures in 1947 as against 94 in 1946.—Reuter.

ANGLO-DANISH TALKS

London, Dec. 4. A Danish trade mission arrived here today from Copenhagen for new Anglo-Danish trade talks which begin tomorrow.

The mission includes representatives of agricultural, industrial and commercial interests and Government experts.

The previous negotiations broke down last September when Britain was unwilling to pay what the Food Minister, Mr. John Strachey described as "fancy prices" for Danish dairy products.—Reuter.

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CHANGES IN THE EAST

The unchanging East, as an expression of an idea, no doubt had at one time a sound and solid basis. Hardly since the conclusion of the Pacific War. On Sunday, Burma became an independent nation, terminating her connection with the British Commonwealth of Nations. It was an occasion attended by celebrations in Rangoon and London, marking the transfer of power, and the mutual attitude of goodwill at the beginning of an experiment which is not without heavy problems for the new Burmese Government. Yesterday, it was announced from Batavia that the Netherlands Premier, Dr. Beel, had offered a new proposal, calling for the establishment of an interim government for the Dutch East Indies, seeking to end the ferment in that area in the effort to effect a new relationship satisfactory alike to the people of Holland and of Indonesia. In China, where the sovereignty of the National Government is gravely threatened by the Communist incursions into great areas of its territory, the great centres of foreign interests, Shanghai, Tientsin and the other Treaty ports, which were havens of peace in a disturbed world, have now passed back into the hands of the Chinese Government. Early next month, Ceylon will pass from the status of a Crown Colony to that of a Dominion within the Empire, with the Speaker in its newly-founded Parliament sitting in a chair donated to Ceylon by members of the British House of Commons. India has for some months been split into two Dominions, the Indian Union and Pakistan. The East enters upon the New Year seething with change, a change that goes with the drawing to a close of a long struggle for dominion in which the British, French, Dutch and Portuguese were the earliest protagonists. The rule for which they battled among themselves is being surrendered voluntarily, though not always in the conditions ideal for the transfer of power. Ceylon will start its new career in peace and with a large measure of accord among its population. There is also hope that the dissensions aroused by the new constitutional forms in Malaya will yield to experience of their worth. But war-shattered Burma begins its independence with serious internal challenges, with much of the country in a disturbed state, and with rival Communist "Governments" still holding sway in at least three districts. These are conditions that call for the highest administrative qualities from the new rulers if Burma is to survive, except as a menace to the peace of the Eastern world. If, when the fires of an insurgent nationalism have died down, Burma seeks outside aid, without which her resources cannot be developed, it will be willingly given.

Equally conditions in India are still the occasion for acute anxiety. There the hopes of a peaceful division of the country were followed first by the terrible incidents attending the transfer of populations in the Punjab, and now by fighting in Kashmir that retains the dimensions of a considerable war. Whether the incursion of the tribal forces has been encouraged by Pakistan, as India alleges in her approach to the United Nations, or whether, as is more probable, Pakistan has not available to her the force that could have held it in check, it would appear to be imperative that the two Dominions should reach agreements as to the future allegiance of Kashmir if the clash is not to involve much of northern India. Grave anxiety must be caused by the withdrawal of the Pakistan forces from the forward frontier posts, since the tribesmen, though Moslems, are little likely to be swayed by religious considerations if the way to the plains is open to them. The dispute over Kashmir may, in the absence of toleration and frank consultations between the two Governments, imperil the most significant of all changes in rule that have followed so swiftly one upon the other in the East.

Delivery of that outsize Christmas present the Marshall Plan is delayed for a few months.

The people are sorry about this, as they were all ready to wrap it in shining gift paper, decorated with dollar signs and stars-and-stripes.

But there has to be some necessary democratic debate discussion and a little arithmetic among the politicians before the 17,000,000,000-dollar super-present can be dispatched.

A Costly Gift

The great gift, therefore, may be a little late, but it is coming. It has been bought with American earnings, with the cents and dimes and quarters of our friends here, and it will cost the nation three per cent. of its income—a lot to spend on a present.

Few begrudge it. The U.S. knows it cannot prosper indefinitely if its neighbours and customers go bankrupt and hungry.

Today, there is a good deal of soul-searching and conscience-pricking.

Seeing the stacked counters, the groaning shelves, the mountains of food, clothes, and goods, the shoppers thought uneasily of the bare larders of Europe. They think particularly of the British, their staunchest friends, the people who made the millionaires' Christmas here possible.

Plum Pudding

There has been a lot about the British Christmas in the American newspapers and on the radio programmes and it has made Americans wince and flush.

The U.S. has been told of the bleak rations, the harrowing struggle for scraps, the shortage of toys for the children, the lack of meat and drink.

100 Years Ago

(From the files of the "China Mail")

From the Imperial Commissioner, Governor-General of Two Kwang, &c. to His Britannic Majesty's Plenipotentiary:—

"I am in receipt of your despatch of the 22nd of the 9th moon (16th November), by which I am informed of the particulars of an attack made upon the pirates in the waters of Cochin-China, by the Steam-cruisers of Your Excellency's Nation, which, with the cooperation of the Officers of Cochin-China, who cut off their retreat, had been enabled to burn almost the entire pirate fleet; more than 6 vessels of the 3rd and 4th class having made their escape. This will indeed gladden the hearts of all men.

"Although Shih-wu-ze (Shanghai) has not by this delayed security of the River within and without the Bogue, a searching inquiry has shown that the fishermen and boat population of the locality in question, when there is no great quantity of fish to be taken, seize the opportunity to thieve and rob. It can hardly be said that this is never the case; but they certainly do not band their craft together in fleets.

"Besides, there is no parallel between the river within the Bogue, which is close at hand, and the sea-board of a foreign nation like Cochin-China. The Admiral is stationed on the spot, and as his cruisers are not few, it is not worthwhile to impose labour so severe upon the naval force of Your Excellency's Nation.

"Adverting to the English merchant-fishers, who suffer from storm and the Pang-hu (Pescadores), the compassionate attention shown them by the officers and gentry of these Islands was no more than what is required by the common law, where any two nations are closely bent together.

"Therefore, your Excellency are of one family; if either chance to be in extremity, it is the natural duty of the other to protect and succour him. Why then be at the pains of returning such abundant thanks? I therefore avail myself of the opportunity to wish that your Excellency may increase to Your Excellency, in your activity and your repose."

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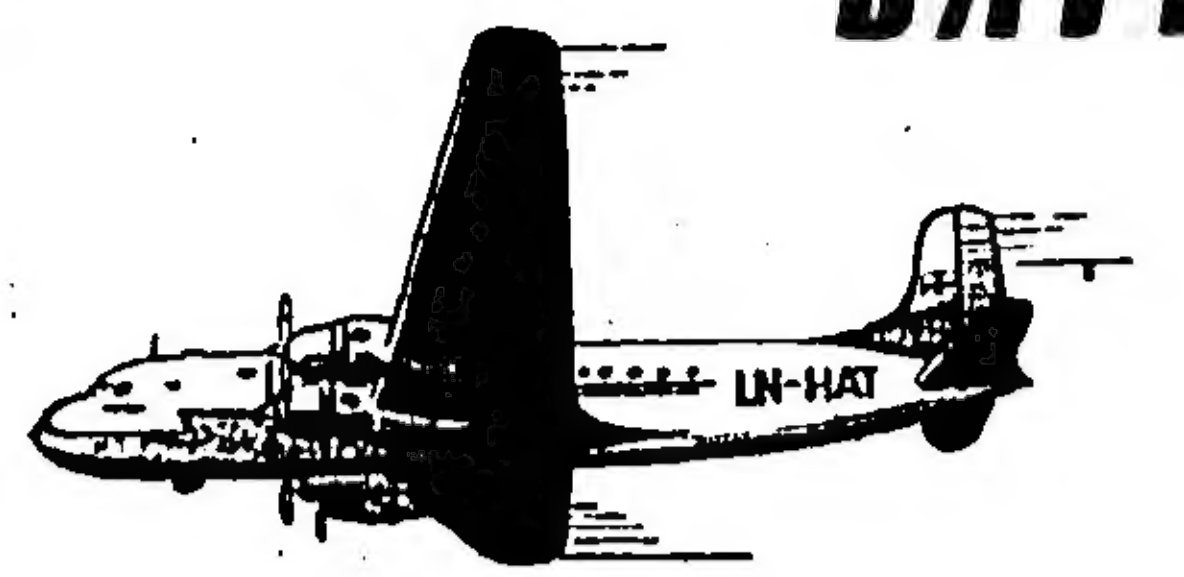
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SHIP'S SYMBOLIC VOYAGE

First Delivery Abroad Of British Coal

Resumption Of Shipments

London, Jan. 4.

Some time this month, a ship will leave a port in Britain on a voyage which is regarded here as symbolic of Britain's progress to industrial recovery.

No well-dressed men and women will crowd her rails as she steams out, bound for Sweden. No sleek stewards will carry cocktails to luxury passengers. Luxury, in fact, is the last word one could apply to this vessel, with its sooty decks, its grimy clad crew, its black holds.

Her importance lies in her cargo. For she will be carrying the first regular shipment of British coal under the new trade pact agreed with Sweden at the end of 1947.

To the British people, made conscious of the importance of coal to their prosperity through the bitter months of the fuel shortage, the resumption of coal exports has come as heartening news.

The export of the "black gold" from under British soil, which, before the war, brought the nation over £34,000,000 a year from sales abroad, stopped almost dead at the end of last February.

Production was too low even to feed the home factories on which Britain's recovery drive depended.

Since then, however, production records in the mines have soared, and stocks of coal have accumulated until home industrial consumers—the No. 1 priority—are now turning away offers of extra coal.

Although the January shipment to Sweden is the first export under firm contract since the coal crisis, Britain did actually begin to export small amounts, and stocks of coal have accumulated informally to several countries, including Portugal and France, in the last weeks of 1947.

Turned Down

These amounts are stocks, turned down by already well-supplied factories, which cannot be shifted elsewhere in the country because of transport difficulties.

Their accumulation at the pitheads would seriously endanger further production. So the surplus stocks are sent to the nearest port and shipped to foreign customers chosen by the Government.

The coal export target for 1948 is 16,000,000 tons of a total estimated production of 211,000,000 tons. Of this, 6,000,000 tons are already committed to the countries which come under the Marshall Plan, and 7,000,000 tons are needed for bunkers and depots abroad.

Apart from Sweden and El Salvador, the only customers which at present have signed and sealed contracts, it is still doubtful what countries will share in the remaining 3,000,000 tons.

Britain's biggest annual individual coal exports before the war, taking 1938 figures, were to France (6,155,460 tons), Germany (3,687,443 tons), Sweden (2,455,311 tons), Denmark (2,996,858 tons), Italy (2,266,180 tons) and the Argentine (2,030,407 tons).—Reuter.

ARMS FINDS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Prague, Jan. 5.

The Czechoslovak Ministry of the Interior today stated that large quantities of explosives and arms had been found buried in several places close to important Czechoslovak industrial and economic points.

The material was expertly protected against exposure to the weather and was packed in water-proof boxes, the communique added.—Reuter.

Called Up Four Years Too Late

London, Jan. 5.

The War Office has issued a statement about a 36-year-old farmer of Olney, Buckinghamshire, Herbert George Barrett, who was called up to the Army four years late.

He is referred to as "Private Barrett" in the statement, which says: "Call-up papers were issued to Barrett in the autumn of 1943. On Dec. 5, 1943, he wrote excusing himself on grounds of temporary ill-health. Already, on Nov. 23, 1943, an enlistment notice had been sent to Barrett at his then address at Buntingford, Hertfordshire, ordering him to report to Bury St. Edmunds."

"He did not report, apply for a deferment or notify the authorities of the new address to which he had removed."

"On March 14, 1944, the Registrar-General reported that Barrett had been living at Anlaby Road, Hull. When the police visited the house, he had removed without leaving a new address or notifying the authorities."

"On Dec. 5, 1947, the Registrar-General reported that

he was at his home farm in Olney. "A recent letter on Barrett's behalf to the Army Records, Edinburgh, says that he was engaged during the war in the timber trade, in a licensed slaughter house, and as proprietor of the Earl's Barton sports stadium in Northants."

Barrett, who bought a farm at Olney 10 weeks ago for £5,000, in an interview says that he did receive a military notice in 1943 and replied that he had influenza. The later notice he never received.

"It must have been a slip-up," he added.

Yesterday, Barrett got a letter from the Adjutant at Talavera Camp, Northampton, granting him deferment of call-up until Jan. 15. Today he will see the County Agricultural Committee.—Reuter.



Eighty Jews and Arabs were killed and many more injured in violent demonstrations by Arabs in Aden against the United Nations decision to partition Palestine. Damage caused by arson and looting is estimated at £200,000. Royal Navy and Airborne troops eventually restored order. Photo shows rioters engaged in looting stores in the Crater area. They are being helped by Somali women. (A.P.O.)

Liberian Resources To Be Developed

New York, Jan. 5.

A group of American business men, executives of a recently formed Liberia company, will leave here shortly on a fact-finding mission to discover "the resources and economic potential" of Liberia, Mr. Edward Stettinius, former American Secretary of State, announced here today.

Mr. Stettinius, who is chairman of the company, will get himself accompanied by the mission, which will study the prospects of the development of minerals, metals and agriculture in the West African republic.

The mission will be especially interested in cocoa and coffee and in fishing, lumber, roads, railways and other public utilities as well as in banking and finance.

The mission will be composed of five of the Liberia company's principal executives and seven independent business men will accompany it to explore operations in their own fields of interest.

The formation of the company by Mr. Stettinius and a group of associates was announced several weeks ago. Of the stock, 65 percent is owned in America and 25 percent has been given to the Liberian Foundation as an initial grant for developing health and welfare programmes.

Mr. Stettinius and Mr. Blackwell Smith, the company's president, are planning to visit Liberia later.

Interviews

On the present mission, Mr. David H. Sulzberger, the first vice-president, will concern him-

Russia's Destiny In Asia

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JAN. 5. RUSSIA IS DESTINED TO BECOME "THE STRONGEST INDUSTRIAL POWER IN ASIA IN OUR TIME," DR. ROBERT J. KERNER, PROFESSOR OF HISTORY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAID TODAY.

He said the Soviet economic centre of gravity has been moving steadily eastward, hastened during the recent war by the removal of war industries across the Urals to avoid destruction by the Germans.

This shift "not only increases military security as a whole in any future conflict, especially in a war that may be chiefly fought out with air power, but it also increases that country's power in Asia and on the Pacific."—Associated Press.

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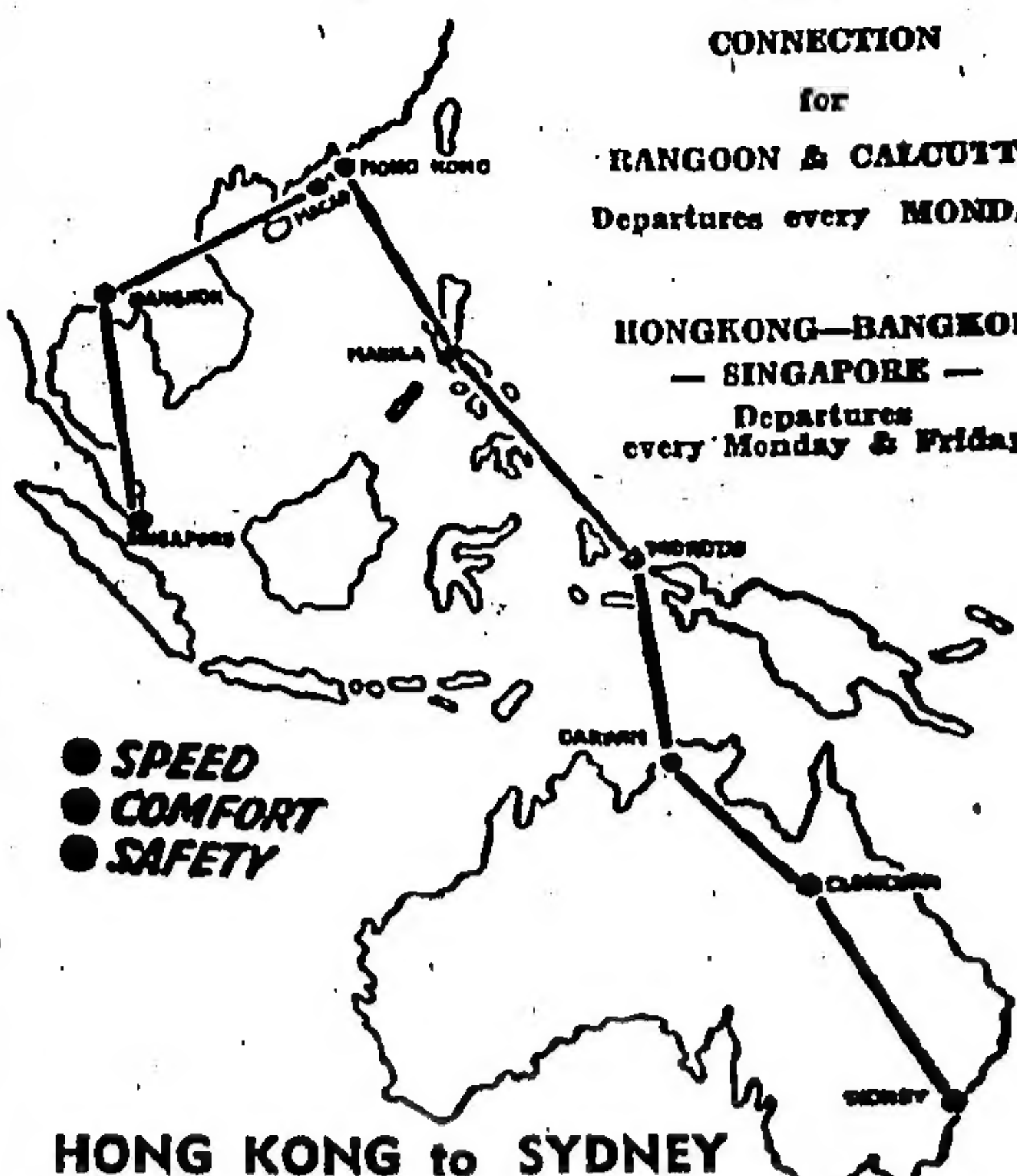
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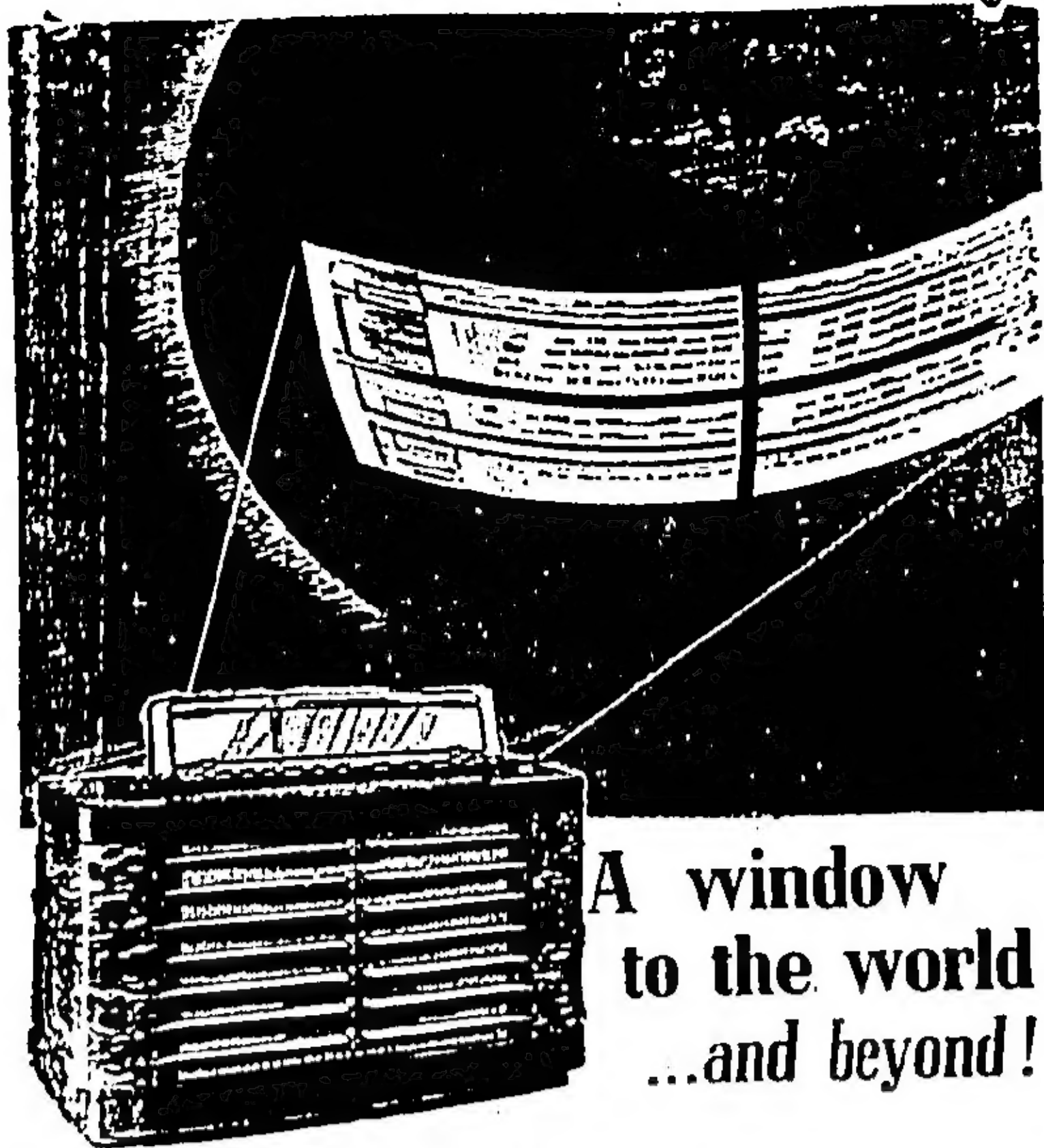
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SALARIES BODY'S PROPOSALS

Extensive Regrading In All Departments

General Clerical Service

The extensive re-grading proposed to cover all Government departments, as envisaged by the Salaries Commission, is analysed in Chapter V of their Report.

Points of primary interests are contained in the proposals for establishment of a General Clerical Service. Below are extracts from the Report dealing with this issue:

There has, in the past, been a considerable diversity in the scales of pay for minor staff, artisans and foremen. Some of these scales differ only slightly from others. Some appear to have been created for individual holders of posts and there are wide diversities in the rates paid to men of presumably comparable degrees of skill in various departments. We are of the opinion that, in future, as many of the lower grade staff as possible should be employed on daily rates of pay with a guaranteed 30-day month.

We realize, however, that it may not be possible to put such a policy into effect immediately and that it may be found preferable to retain certain classes of workers falling within these categories on monthly rates of pay. We have therefore put forward recommendations for such retention, which, in our opinion, will result in the elimination of many unnecessary minor differences in grading and will produce a simpler and more logical wage structure for the lower grades of the service. We have provided scales for minor staff, for semi-skilled workers, for two grades of artisans and for foremen and overseers.

Minor Staff

The minor staff grade will in the main consist of coolies, office messengers, sextons, notice servers, cleaners, seamstresses, caretakers, porters, gatekeepers, female attendants, platelayers, trolley-men, rat catchers, rat searchers, latrine attendants, female escorts, bathhouse attendants, park keepers, meat purveyors and certain animal, cook, servants, gardeners, foremen and stokers.

Provision has been made for certain officers within this class whose duties are more exacting or more responsible to enter the scale half way up.

The semi-skilled grade will include office attendants, stone polishers, guards and watchmen, the H.K. V.I.C. range Wardens, telephone boys, lift operators, tapmen, leading seamen, station attendants, road survey coolies, addressograph operators, sound projector operators, laboratory attendants, packers, store attendants, keymen, boy dressers, grooms, ambulance attendants, dispensary boys, motor mower drivers, pressmen, bathhouse engineers, steersmen, skilled labourers, trolley-men, assistant junk coxswains, and certain boatmen, painters, stokers, mnab, ward-boys, house-boys, boys, cook gardeners and sextons.

Artisans

Artisans are divided into two grades. Grade I will consist of workmen fully qualified for their work and those employed in trades where a lesser degree of skill or a shorter period of apprenticeship is required than for Grade II. Grade II will include light attendants, head guards, head watchmen, signalmen, painters, sailmakers, drain testers, coxswain-firemen, carriage cleaners, ironers, assistant headmen, mortuary attendants, assistant armourer attendants, loading gardeners, and certain foremen in the Forestry and Gardens Departments, artisans and junk coxswains in the Sanitary Department and certain boatwains, launch engineers, coxswains and house-boys.

Among Grade I artisans we have grouped motor drivers, lighthouse mechanics, carpenters, electricians, riggers, shunters, electric welders, moulders, headmen, fitters, dental mechanics, disinfecting station engineers, the armourer attendant, motor mechanics and certain boatwains, launch coxswains and engineers.

Storekeepers

We have found considerable variation in the pay and the titles of storekeepers, stewards and storemen. We consider that there should be a single cadre of storekeepers and stores staff under the general supervision and control of the Controller of Stores. In our opinion, these officers should receive their initial training in the Stores Department and should be posted to other departments as necessary.

General Clerical Service

We have received representations from members of the Junior Clerical Service in regard to the multiplicity of classes and the slowness of promotion and from members of the Senior Clerical Service in regard to the small number of higher posts to which they can aspire. After considering these representations and obtaining evidence on the present organization of clerical work within the public service and bearing in mind the policy contained in the Colonial Office White Paper we recommend the discontinuance of the present system of three separate clerical services, one staffed mainly by Chinese officers, one by local non-Chinese officers and one by European officers and the substitution therefore of a General Clerical Service open to candidates of all races.

For this service we recommend that new candidates should be selected by competitive examination which should only be open to persons in possession of the Hong Kong School Leaving Certificate or some higher qualification. We consider that this competitive examination should include an intelligence test and should not be exclusively in prescribed subjects.

Four Grades

We recommend the division of the General Clerical Service into four grades—grade III on a scale rising from \$1800 per annum to \$2500, grade II from \$2200 to \$3200, grade I from \$3000 to \$4000, and a special grade from \$3500 to \$8160. Each grade should be separated by a promotion bar, but the ratio of posts as grades I and II to those in grade III should be such as to ensure that a clerk of reasonable efficiency could look forward to reaching the top of grade I before retirement even if he did not receive further promotion. We recommend that members of the special grade should be reserved for clerks of exceptional merit including those with long service and excellent records who may not be suitable for promotion to the executive grade referred to below and those who have specialised in interpreting, shorthand or accounting. We anticipate that in the course of time the necessity for retaining this grade except for specialists will tend to disappear in view of the opportunity for promotion from the General Clerical Service to the executive grade.

Executive Grade

It has been represented to us that the duties performed by senior members of the Junior Clerical Service and by many members of the Senior Clerical and Accounting (Local) Service and the Senior Clerical and Accounting Service are not exclusively concerned with clerical or accounting matters but are of an executive or administrative nature.

We recommend therefore the establishment of an executive grade similar to that in the Home Civil Service, to which entry should be either by promotion from the General Clerical Service or by direct recruitment from outside and that above this grade there should be a senior executive grade containing a number of scheduled posts carrying greater responsibilities of an administrative nature. Appointment to this latter grade would normally be by selection from the executive grade with the reservation that appointment from outside might be necessary if no officer with suitable qualifications was available for promotion from the executive grade.

Direct recruitment to the executive grade would be by competitive examination and the minimum qualification should be a University degree or a qualification accepted by the competent authorities as its equivalent.

Promotion By Merit

In the case of non-Chinese entrants we suggest a three year period of probation and recommend that such officers should be required in addition to obtain the first two certificates in Cantonese before confirmation. In the case of officers to be promoted from the clerical grade, promotion should depend upon the passing of an examination designed not only to test knowledge in General Orders and Colonial Regulations relating to

POPE'S CALL TO YOUTH

Vatican City, Jan. 5.

Pope Plus XII addressed some 3,000 Catholic youths in the Hall of Benedictions of the Apostolic Palace to-night, urging them to co-operate in solving "the burning questions of the hour."

The questions he defined as the achievement of a new social order of justice so that "every citizen, right down to the last, may live in conditions at least tolerable, that all public life may look to the promotion of the general good and not the particular interests of a party or of a class."—Associated Press.

public business, but also to test intelligence and ability to take responsibility.

We recommend that promotion to this grade should be entirely by merit and not dependent upon length of service. We have accordingly fixed the initial starting point of the executive officer grade II at \$4800 per annum at a point within the scale for clerical officers grade I. Some officers in the clerical grades may show promise before this stage; others may develop later. We consider that both categories should have equal chances of promotion. Officers drawing more than \$4800 per annum should on promotion be placed on the next increment in the executive grade scale above their clerical grade salary.

Social Services

We have divided the executive grade into two, with a promotion bar between \$6000 per annum and \$10000 per annum. Similarly, we have provided for two grades of senior executive officers. The nature and responsibilities of these senior posts will naturally vary with the development of social services within the Colony and we would not suggest that the list of scheduled posts we have put forward is exhaustive. We tentatively recommend that the holders of the posts of Chief Clerk, Colonial Secretariat, General Secretary of the Public Works Department, Treasury Accountant and Treasury Inspector should be graded as senior executive officers grade I and the Treasury Cashier, the Accountants in the Railway, Public Works Department and the Waterworks, and the Secretaries in the Medical Department and the Urban Council might be graded as senior executive officers, grade II.

Women Clerks

Women clerks have been engaged since the reorganization and their work has proved satisfactory. We have therefore provided salary scales for women clerical officers at 80% of the scales for male clerical officers. Grade III runs from \$1440 per annum to \$2,040 per annum, grade II from \$2160 to \$3360 and grade I from \$3600 to \$4800. We recommend that entry should be by competitive examination for which the possession of the Hong Kong School Leaving Certificate should be the minimum qualification.

We have made separate provision for stenographers, who should possess a Hong Kong School Leaving Certificate or its equivalent and be able to pass a prescribed typing and shorthand test before appointment as stenographers grade II on the scale \$2880 to \$3800. Promotion to stenographer grade I should depend upon vacancies in this grade and ability to pass a more advanced shorthand and typing test. In addition we recommend the creation of a small grade of senior stenographers and secretaries for promotion to

which the same technical qualifications will be required together with secretarial ability of a high order.

We have considered representations from various Heads of Departments that the nature of the work in their particular departments was so specialised that there was a loss of efficiency in drawing their clerical staff from a general clerical service and through losing men through transfer to other departments. Complaints were also received regarding the slowness of promotion for clerical officers and the apparent unfairness of the system of making promotions.

Certain Heads of Departments have suggested that their departments should be made closed departments and that their clerks should receive promotion within their own departments. Although we appreciate the difficulties which such Heads of Departments may have experienced and can readily understand their reluctance to part with officers who have, through experience and specialisation, made their services particularly valuable in a certain direction, we consider that it would be neither in the interests of the officers themselves nor of the public service as a whole to extend the system of closed departments.

Shroffs

Another possibility which has been discussed is the creation of a separate grade of shroffs, i.e. assistant cashiers. We understand that in the past shroffs whose educational qualifications have been lower than those normally required for the Junior Clerical Service have been engaged on the Junior Clerical Service scale at points varying with the amount of security they were required to provide. We are not in favour of the establishment of a separate grade of shroffs or assistant cashiers, but consider that the duties of an assistant cashier should be performed by members of the General Clerical Service as part of their normal career. We do not favour any relaxation of the standard of entry or of the point of entry on the scale on the grounds that a career as a shroff is a blind-alley occupation. On the other hand if every member of the clerical grade is liable to be instructed to perform the duties of an assistant cashier, an immediate difficulty will arise in connexion with the provision of security. It may not be possible for the officer selected to find the necessary money or guarantees.

No Security

It has been suggested as an alternative that Government might take up a fidelity insurance policy or that a Public Officers' Guarantee Fund might be instituted. We understand that fidelity insurance schemes do not operate satisfactorily and a Public Officers' Guarantee Fund would mean that all clerical officers would have to contribute regardless of whether or not they were actually handling public funds. We do not consider either of these schemes satisfactory nor do we consider that the provision of security is in itself effective. The security system naturally operates to make it certain that any deliberate defalcations which do occur will be of amounts greater than the security. If remuneration is adequate, the greater deterrent against defalcation is the loss of pension right. With these considerations in view we recommend that except in the case of purely temporary officers such as the shroffs employed for a short period each year by the District Officer, New Territories, to collect rates, the provision of security should be discontinued.

BAO DAI IN SWITZERLAND

London, Jan. 4.
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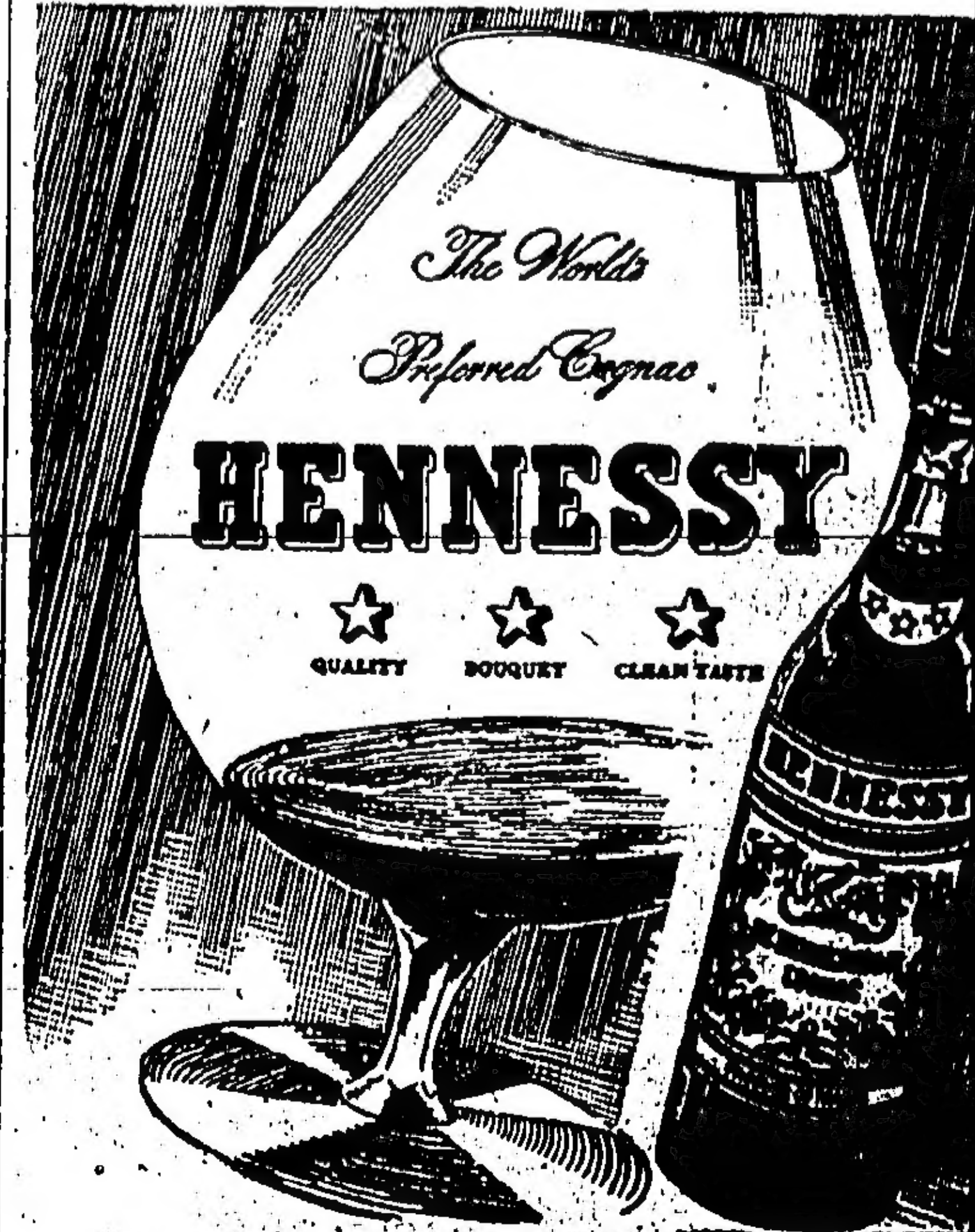
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AMERICAN AID NOT ENOUGH
De Gaulle's Warning To French Workers
General Election Called For

Paris, Jan. 4.
General de Gaulle today urged the holding of general elections and warned that France must work harder or perish, in an address to a great working class audience in the mining and engineering textile town of Saint Etienne in central France.

He warned that it was not enough to rely on American aid.

He declared: "Raw materials and goods which we can import with the aid of the eventual Marshall Plan would be precious in getting a start on the road to ease. But be sure that in one form or another we shall have to pay for these products and that we shall only receive them in proportion to our own efforts."

Describing the present French regime as "inherently incapable of putting through a real stabilisation programme," General de Gaulle urged the organisation of labour on "an associative basis." He went on by saying, "the chiefs, the executives and the workers must work together and as equals and determine the conditions of work and their remuneration."

"There must be organised arbitration. From the head of the firm to the unskilled labourer each will receive payment in accordance with the proper hierarchy and in proportion to the total productivity of his firm."

"A new trade unionism cleansed entirely of politics is called upon to play a magnificent role."

Bottom Of The Spiral

In his speech, General de Gaulle said: "Nothing is lost but we are sick, we are suffering from a grave malady which demands hard and prolonged treatment."

Our present situation is only a stage in a long decline. For a long time, we have been living beyond our means. We have now reached the bottom of the spiral and are feeling the cold wind of the abyss."

"For the past 23 months we have had six governments. Each has led our affairs to a lower level than its predecessor. Every body feels that there is an irreparable disproportion between the size of the problem we have to solve and the nature of our regime."

Shanghai Clean-Up Campaign

Shanghai, Jan. 5.
A crackdown on public dance halls—"commercialised dance halls"—starting shortly with cabarets and dance halls being a graduated close-down system of drawing lots.

Wu Kai-shen, Commissioner of Social Affairs, meeting with cabaret owners and operators, said that the first drawing will be held at the end of March, and added that "complete suppression of commercialised dancing will be effected by the end of September."

Wu told the owners that in accordance with instructions from the central authorities, afternoon tea dances will be prohibited simultaneously with the first lot drawing in March. The closing of the cabarets is part of the Government's austerity programme. —United Press.

Newsboys In The News

Nanking, Jan. 5.
With their faces and clothes scratched and bruised, newsboys in Nanking delivered Saturday morning papers late yesterday afternoon.

Newsboys dealing in English language papers have been on strike in the capital for two days, while negotiating were placed for an increase in wages.

Yesterday, "pickets" fought with subscribers who attempted to collect their own copies from the agency's distributing centre. —Reuter.

Zone To Join Soviet?

Munich, Jan. 4.
Rudolf Paul, ex-Premier of the Soviet Zone province of Thuringia, said today that the Soviet Zone of Germany was to join the Soviet Union, as the 17th constituent republic, basing his assertion on a conversation he had had with a Soviet Zone commander, Marshal Sokolovsky, while still Premier.

Mr. Paul, who disappeared last month after secretly leaving the Soviet Zone in September, made his statement to the American-licensed "Neue Zeitung" today. —Reuter.

"Stabilisation of the currency, for instance, can only be brought about by very tough methods which will be tougher the longer we wait."

"We must cut public expenditure massively, suppress entire Government services, and make cuts in all of them."

Competitive Spirit
Declaring that order must be brought into the management of the nationalised industries, General de Gaulle added: "We must reopen the road to the spirit of enterprise and competition by liberating (from State control) all activities except as regards the distribution of certain basic commodities which are still in short supply."

"We must reestablish discipline, economy and the sense of responsibility in the public services."

"All this is necessary for stabilisation, but all this implies a series of measures which in one way or another affect all interests and offend all prejudices."

Progress Or Collapse

"It is high time that these gains and this impotence ceased. It is high time that after the new general elections our people can provide themselves with public authorities in line with the national wish and capable of leading the nation towards salvation and renunciation," the General declared.

It is high time that those who want to push France into ruin in order to establish their dictatorship on behalf of the conquerors of the east saw their chances evaporating — those chances they would find in our bankruptcy and poverty."

"It is high time that the Republic be rebuilt from head to toe."

He said: "We must progress or collapse. The power of the nation and the fate of each Frenchman depend on our productivity."

General de Gaulle continued: "Our salvation lies in producing more, much better, much stronger and much quicker than we are doing. This is that what the dictatorship party that you know (the Communist Party) would refuse to give to it, in the same way as the capitalism of the past refused to do, and as the present party refuses to do."

The General declared that the "economic renovation" of France and the improvement of the lot of the worker lie in the adoption of the "associative basis."

"The moment this is reached, he said, 'you will see another psychology taking the place of exploitation of some by others and of class warfare.' —Reuter.

Glues Across

11 Chest. 12 Cane into. 13 Dipped. 14 Smart. 15 Warried. 16 Eyes. 17 Kind of. 18 Budge.

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The Royal Navy have intercepted a Jewish refugee ship, the Hagannah ship "Unafraid" with about 350 Jewish aboard, and the ship has been taken into Haifa harbour where the refugees were disembarked. Photo shows immigrants climbing aboard the waiting ship from rubber life rafts in which they were towed from the embarkation point on the Italian coast. (A Photo)

RUSSIA STANDS FIRM
ON JAP TREATY

London, Jan. 4.
Russia's view that the Council of Foreign Ministers of Britain, the United States, Russia and China should prepare the Japanese peace treaty was reiterated in a note to China by M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister, on December 30, Moscow Radio reported today.

M. Molotov said that this preparatory work could be organised by the Council with the participation of the other states-members of the Far Eastern Commission, "similarly to the manner in which such work in the preparation of the peace treaty with Germany will be organised."

Copies of the note were being sent to Britain and the United States.

The note added: "It is known that the draft procedure for the preparation of the German peace treaty, on a considerable part of which agreement has at the present time been reached in the Council of Foreign Ministers, envisages the institution of a number of committees and sub-committees and also an information and consultative conference."

"The inclusion of the states-members of the Far Eastern Commission in these and also in the corresponding sub-committees and the information and consultative conference will ensure the necessary attention to the interests of these powers in the period preceding the peace conference."

M. Molotov was replying to a Chinese note which expressed the view that the Far Eastern Commission should prepare the Japanese peace treaty.

The Soviet reply said the Chinese view that "the functions of the Far Eastern Commission have a direct relation to the peace conference for Japan" could not be recognised as well-founded, as the Commission was excluded from settling territorial questions, which is obviously one of the important component parts of the future peace settlement for Japan.

Key Points
The importance of the latest Russian note, diplomatic observers consider, is two-fold.

First, it expresses Russia's intention to keep the Council of Foreign Ministers in existence as the effective peace-making machinery, despite its failure to make any headway in the German settlement.

In the second place, it places China in the necessity of defining where exactly her policy now stands in relation to Russia, on one hand, and the United States and the British Commonwealth, on the other.

By accepting the idea of an 11-power conference, China has identified herself with the views of America, Britain, France; by proposing the retention of the great power veto in the voting procedure to be adopted; she has fallen in with Soviet wishes.

Step Further
She is now invited by Russia to go a step further in identifying herself with the Soviet plan to keep the Far Eastern peace settlement as the exclusive preserve of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

The suggestion contained in the Soviet note that membership of the committees and sub-committees would adequately meet the interests of the other Allied powers which fought Japan, will, certainly be emphatically rejected by Britain and all the other members of the British Commonwealth.—Reuter.

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